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AMENDMENTS TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1968 CONVENTIONS ON ROAD
TRAFFIC AND ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS AND THE 1971 EUROPEAN
AGREEMENTS SUPPLEMENTING THEM

Driving permits

Addendum 2

Note by the secretariat

At the 37th session of the Working Party, it was agreed that the results of the second meeting of the group of experts on driving permits held in St. Petersburg (Russian Federation) on 30 and 31 August 2001 should be circulated to member States for comments. The following comments have been received on document TRANS/WP.1/2002/3.

Germany

Items 4.1 and 4.7

Germany can agree to the development of a symbol (e.g. a steering wheel) in connection with the UN symbol. The use should, however, not be mandatory because otherwise the current European Community driving permit would have to be changed. As an alternative to the symbol, the words "driving permit" in the language of the issuing country (using the latin alphabet) should be allowed.

Item 4.2

Germany feels that the place of birth should be an obligatory item since it can be important for identity checks.

Item 4.3, paragraph 2

The use of abbreviations for national categories of vehicles in the driving permit should be left to the respective States. The use of the letter "S" to define these national categories is not necessary.

Item 4.4

Germany recommends the adoption of the specimen according to Annex 1a of Directive 96/47/EC.

Item 4.5

A uniform colour should be mandatory for driving permits. According to the EC model, the colour pink should be chosen.
