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**ROAD TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE**

European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)

Consideration of new proposals for amendments to the AGR, Annexes I and II

Transmitted by Slovenia

Introduction

At the eighteenth session of the Ad hoc Meeting on the implementation of the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR), a proposal to amend Annex I to the AGR submitted by Hungary (TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/2002/7) was considered. The Ad hoc Meeting recommended the adoption by SC.1 of the proposal but requested the secretariat to write to Slovenia asking for their agreement to the proposal.

The following agreement and explanation was received from Slovenia:

The Slovenian Ministry of Transport agrees to the proposal from Hungary for a new E road (E653) that on the Slovenian side would run from the Pince border crossing with Hungary to the city of Maribor (connection to E 57/E59). The road passes through Murska Sobota and Lenart.

Explanation

Slovenia has started construction of a new expressway (4-lane motorway) from the Pince border crossing between Slovenia and Hungary to Maribor. The length of the road section is 87 km. The new motorway will be part of Helsinki Corridor No. 5 (Venice – Trieste – Ljubljana – Maribor – Budapest – Lvov).

By the end of 2002 most of the motorway sections between Fernetici (Slovenian/Italian border) and Maribor will have been completed (national road Nos. A3 and A1). Preparatory and construction work has already started on the missing sections between Maribor and Pince. Until the completion of the work, ordinary trunk roads will be used (national road Nos. R3 and R443).

The overall reference for the new road (Hungary and Slovenia) is as follows:

E 653: Letenye – Tornyiszentmiklós – Pince – Murska Sobota – Lenart – Maribor

A map showing E roads in Slovenia and the proposed new E 653 is attached.

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