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Road tunnel restrictions for the passage of vehicles

Road signs for tunnels

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1. The Dangerous Goods Commission in Spain created an internal working group with the main task of developing the criteria to classify tunnels as a result of the amendments made to the ADR in that issue. The working group decided it would be useful for continuing our work if we could bring the subject to the WP.15 relating road signs for tunnels. We would like to know whether countries affected by the classification of tunnels have already designed the signs to use and, if so, whether they could share this information with us. We believe harmonization is really important, so we would also like to know whether the other delegates present here believe there should be a harmonized way of signaling the different tunnels or they would prefer to have their own system.

2. Summarizing, we would like to know the feeling of the group about creating a harmonized system for signaling tunnels. If the group agreed to create a universal system, we would bring a proposal for the next meeting with the comments other delegates may have. Of course, we are aware that ADR cannot include provisions on road signs and that road signs' regime is within the Vienna Convention, but our idea would be to present a proposal from the WP.15 to the right group, the WP.1, so that they can make a final decision. If the WP.15 didn't agree to this, we would appreciate it if other delegates could give us some input on the way they will design their signs so that we can develop ours in a way that doesn't differ too much from the others.
