Global standards in traffic rules and road signs: an attainable dream?

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1968 Convention on Road Traffic

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1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals

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To facilitate international road traffic and to increase road safety through the adoption of uniform traffic rules.
Recognizing that international uniformity of road signs, signals and symbols and of road markings is necessary in order to facilitate international road traffic and to increase road safety,

have agreed upon the following provisions:

Chapter 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS
ARTICLE 1
Definitions:

For the purpose of this Convention, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:

(a) national or local authority
(b) or otherwise designated
(c) may comprise a strip or a different
(d) divisible, whether moving half of
(e) divided, whether moving line of
(f) his distinguished
(g) signpost as a structural mean
(h) areas formed by
(i) tramway track;
(j) does not serve;

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2 See footnote

Convention on Road Signs and Signals
European Agreement
Supplementing the Convention
and Protocol on Road Markings,
Additional to the European Agreement

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1968 Convention on Road Traffic

72 Contracting Parties
1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals

62 Contracting Parties

Convention on Road Signs and Signals, of 8 November 1968
General Assembly Resolution 66/260
Improving global road safety, May 2012

9. **Encourages** Member States that have not yet done so to consider becoming contracting parties to and to implement the United Nations road safety-related legal instruments, as well as to consider signing and ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and further encourages States Parties to the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic, the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic and the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals, and to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, to continue to implement the provisions thereof;
(b) To accede to existing United Nations road safety legal instruments such as the 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals and the 1958 and 1998 Agreements of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations and, beyond accession, to apply, implement and promote their provisions or safety regulations;
1968 Convention on Road Traffic
Chapters:

1. General provisions
2. Rules of the road
3. Conditions for the admission of motor vehicles and trailers to international traffic
4. Drivers of motor vehicles
5. Conditions for the admission of cycles and mopeds to international traffic
6. Final provisions
Annexes:

1. Exceptions to the obligations to admit motor vehicles and trailers in international traffic

2. Registration number and plate of motor vehicles and trailers in international traffic

3. Distinguishing signs of motor vehicles and trailers in international traffic

4. Identification marks of motor vehicles in international traffic

5. Technical conditions concerning motor vehicles

6. Domestic driving permit

7. International driving permit
1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals
Chapters:
1. General provisions
2. Road signs
3. Traffic light signals
4. Road markings
5. Miscellaneous
6. Final provisions

Annexes:
1. Road signs
2. Road markings
3. Reproduction of signs, symbols and panels of Annex 1
- Danger warning
- Regulatory
- Informative
- Admission to international traffic,
- A set of agreed road traffic rules
- Reference for national legislation
- Mutual recognition of vehicle certificates, driving permits
- Facilitation of international traffic, trade, tourism
- Enhanced road safety

- A system of sign classification
- Over 200 reference signs
- Facilitation of international road traffic, trade, tourism
- Enhanced road safety
Reality check:
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- 72 and 62 Contracting Parties throughout the world
- 1968 Conventions: global standards
- Promote the benefits of accessions
- Encourage better implementation
- Continuously seeking donors to finance capacity building