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**REVISION OF THE CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTIONS ON ROAD TRAFFIC (R.E.1)
AND ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS (R.E.2)**

Assistance to victims of road accidents

Transmitted by the small group

Introduction

1. At its thirty-fourth session, the Working Party considered a new draft for R.E.1 on assistance to victims of road accidents prepared by the small group (France, Israel, IFRC, European Federation of Road Traffic Victims (FEVR) under the chairmanship of France) (TRANS/WP.1/2000/12) which incorporated modifications proposed by the Working Party at its thirty-third session. The Working Party provided its comments and suggestions on how to modify the text and decided that any further suggestions should be given in writing within three weeks to the secretariat which would forward them to the small group.
2. Additional comments were received from the Russian Federation and from the various national delegations of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies gathered by the representative of the IFRC.
3. New text is indicated in bold and deletions are in square brackets.

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A. Early alert

- (a) **Wherever necessary (i.e. along main roads, highways, accident-prone spots)** install [along main roads, highways as well as in accident prone spots,] call **devices** [systems] connected to [the] established emergency systems. Encourage [, in other areas,] the use of mobile phones and all other means of calling for assistance.
- (b) **Introduce an internationally recognised** [Agree on a specific] toll-free phone number [accessible to all] for emergency assistance.
- (c) **Publicize this number and its proper** [Inform the population about this specific phone number and its] use.
- (d) **Publicize (and teach for the driving licence) the kind of information to transmit to emergency units:** [Promote among the population (including during the training for a driving licence) a very simple alarm protocol informing the emergency system about] the location, **the** nature and **the** consequences of the accident (**i.e. fire, people trapped in the vehicle, number of vehicles involved, number and gravity of people injured, etc.**).

B. Secure the area of the accident

- (a) Teach road users (including during [the] training] for a driving licence) **how** to secure and signal the area of the accident (i.e. triangle, lights, road flares) in a safe way **and without taking risks for themselves and other witnesses, pending** [until] the arrival of the emergency **units** [service] (police, fire brigade, rescue/ambulance/medical personnel, etc.).
- (b) Teach road users (including during [the] training for a driving licence) to avoid and prevent further complications (for instance by switching off the ignition of the vehicle, **or in cases provided for by law, removing the vehicle from the carriageway to a safe area** [parking the vehicle] and [/or] applying the parking brake).

C. First aid

- (a) **Instruct road users (inter alia as part of the preparation for driving tests, during general education or at special courses) in practical methods of providing emergency assistance for the maintenance of a victim's vital functions pending the arrival of professional assistance.** [Organize training in order to provide all drivers with the know-how/knowledge to perform immediate assistance offering protective and life saving measures to minimize the impact of a health emergency until it is stabilized, remedied or professional help is made available.]
- (b) **Introduce compulsory training and periodical refreshment of first-aid knowledge and practical skills for professional drivers** [Organize for drivers of certain categories of vehicles] (i.e. public transport, trucks, emergency units) the periodical refreshment of their first-aid knowledge and skills.]

- (c) Require the availability of a first-aid kit **for** [in] vehicles of category B, C and D, **as required by recommendation 2.7 of R.E.1.**
 - (d) **Include** [Encourage] first-aid information [to be incorporated] in **documents** [to the materials] road users usually consult: [, including] highway codes, [map books, vehicle handbooks,] **and** training **materials for** [programmes and] driving tests.
 - (e) Encourage **mandatory inclusion of first aid knowledge and practical skills for assisting victims of road accidents in driving licence delivery (inter alia, as part of driving tests or holding a first aid certificate delivered by a recognised organization).** [the harmonization of first-aid techniques, training and materials.]
- D. Emergency medical assistance
- (a) **Organize the coordination of the** [Set up a coordinated] dispatch of emergency response resources, **particularly** [including] the **transportation** of the injured **as far as** [to the extent] possible to the nearest adequate health facilities, according to the nature and severity of the injuries.
 - (b) Standardize emergency response protocols and ensure that they permit appropriate management of emergency medical assistance to road traffic victims **both during conveyance** from the accident scene to **the** [and at] health facilities **and within such facilities.**
 - (c) **Site** [Provide and properly distribute geographically, appropriate] emergency response [and rescue] units so that [in principle] they can be on the scene of an accident as soon as [in the shortest] possible [time] after **being called out** [the alarm is received]
 - (d) Properly equip fixed and mobile emergency resources [operated] **with** [by] a sufficient number of qualified and well-trained personnel.
 - (e) Encourage [the spreading and availability of] good practices and instrumentation for life saving measures, and **a** standard [ized] triage procedure [s] for emergency response unit personnel [rescuers].
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