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Declarations and reservations to AETR

At the 105th session of the Working Party on Road Transport (29 September–1 October 2010), the Russian Federation requested the secretariat provide a list and dates of reservations made by Contracting Parties to the AETR, including information about the dates of accessions and /or ratifications. While this information is publicly available at:

http://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XI-B-21&chapter=11&lang=en the secretariat has copied the requested information and provides it in this Informal Document.

**21. EUROPEAN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE WORK OF CREWS OF VEHICLES
ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT (AETR)**

Geneva, 1 July 1970

ENTRY INTO FORCE:
REGISTRATION:
STATUS:
TEXT:

5 January 1976, in accordance with article 16(4).
5 January 1976, No. 14533.
Signatories: 13. Parties: 49.
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 993, p. 143 and depositary notifications
C.N.399.1981.TREATIES-1 of 2 February 1982 (Proposed of amendments by UK);
C.N.88.1982.TREATIES-1 of 2 July 1982 (rectification of the English and French texts
of the amendments); C.N.189.1982.TREATIES-2 of 19 August 1982 (Notification under
article 23 (2)(b) by the Netherlands); C.N.205.1982.TREATIES-3 of 24 September 1982
(Notification under article 23(2)(b) by Czechoslovakia; C.N.24.1983.TREATIES-1 of 3
March 1983 (Acceptance by the Netherlands of the Amendments);
C.N.124.1983.TREATIES-2 of 13 May 1983 (Acceptance of the Amendments proposed
by UK); C.N.105.1991.TREATIES-1 of 24 July 1991 (amendments proposed by
Norway); C.N.23.1992.TREATIES-1 of 3 March 1992 (Acceptance proposed by
Norway); C.N.285.1993.TREATIES-3 of 30 August 1993 (amendments proposed by
Norway); C.N.20.1994.TREATIES-1 of 18 April 1994 (notification under article
23(2)(b) by the Netherlands); C.N.335.1994.TREATIES-3 of 19 December 1994
(Acceptance of the amendments proposed by Norway); C.N.512.2003.TREATIES-1 of
27 May 2003 (Proposal of amendments by France to Article 12 of the Agreement) and
C.N.1353.2003.TREATIES-3 of 5 December 2003 (Acceptance);
C.N.475.2005.TREATIES-1 of 24 June 2005 (Proposed amendments communicated by
the Government of France to the Agreement); C.N.993.2005.TREATIES-2 Reissued of 6
January 2006 (Communication by the Netherlands under article 21(2)(b));
C.N.239.2006.TREATIES-2 of 22 March 2006 [Notification in accordance with
article 23 (5) (B) of the Agreement] and C.N.240.2006.TREATIES-3 of 22 March 2006
(Acceptance of the amendments proposed by France to the above Agreement, the annex
to the Agreement and the appendices to the annex); C.N.170.2009.TREATIES-1 of 20
March 2009 (Proposed amendments by the Government of the Netherlands to the Body,
Annex and Appendices to the Annex of the AETR); C.N.335.2009.TREATIES-2 of 27
May 2009 (Communication pursuant to article 21 (2)(B) of the Agreement by the
Netherlands); C.N.690.2009.TREATIES-3 of 6 October 2009 (Communication pursuant
to article 21 (2)(B) of the Agreement by Finland); C.N.884.2009.TREATIES-4 of 15
December 2009 (Communication pursuant to article 21 (5)(B) of the Agreement by the
Netherlands); C.N.395.2010.TREATIES-1 of 25 June 2010 (Acceptance of the
Amendments proposed by the Netherlands to the body, the annex and Appendices to the
Annex of the AETR)[^e]

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>
Albania.....		20 Jul 2006 a	France	20 Jan 1971	9 Jan 1978
Andorra		13 Feb 1997 a	Germany ^{4,5}	23 Dec 1970	9 Jul 1975
Armenia.....		9 Jun 2006 a	Greece		11 Jan 1974 a
Austria ¹	31 Jan 1971	11 Jun 1975	Hungary		22 Oct 1999 a
Azerbaijan		16 Aug 1996 a	Ireland.....		28 Aug 1979 a
Belarus		5 Apr 1993 a	Italy.....	29 Mar 1971	28 Dec 1978
Belgium.....	15 Jan 1971	30 Dec 1977	Kazakhstan.....		17 Jul 1995 a
Bosnia and Herzegovina ²		12 Jan 1994 d	Latvia		14 Jan 1994 a
Bulgaria.....		12 May 1995 a	Liechtenstein.....		6 Nov 1996 a
Croatia ²		3 Aug 1992 d	Lithuania		3 Jun 1998 a
Cyprus.....		5 Sep 2003 a	Luxembourg.....	2 Feb 1971	30 Dec 1977
Czech Republic ³		2 Jun 1993 d	Malta.....		24 Sep 2004 a
Denmark.....		30 Dec 1977 a	Monaco		16 Jun 2008 a
Estonia		3 May 1993 a	Montenegro ⁶		23 Oct 2006 d
Finland		16 Feb 1999 a	Netherlands.....	26 Mar 1971	30 Dec 1977
			Norway	16 Mar 1971	28 Oct 1971

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>	
Poland	24 Mar 1971	14 Jul	1992
Portugal.....	30 Mar 1971	20 Sep	1973
Republic of Moldova		26 May	1993 a
Romania		8 Dec	1994 a
Russian Federation.....		31 Jul	1978 a
San Marino.....		25 Apr	2007 a
Serbia ²		12 Mar	2001 d
Slovakia ³		28 May	1993 d
Slovenia ²		6 Aug	1993 d
Spain		3 Jan	1973 a
Sweden.....	19 Jan 1971	24 Aug	1973

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>	
Switzerland	24 Mar 1971	7 Apr	2000
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ²		10 Nov	1999 d
Turkey.....		16 Jan	2001 a
Turkmenistan		18 Sep	1996 a
Ukraine		3 Feb	2006 a
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ⁷	25 Mar 1971	4 Jan	1978
Uzbekistan		22 Oct	1998 a

Declarations and Reservations
(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon ratification, accession or succession.)

BELGIUM⁸

Transport operations between member States of the European Economic Community shall be regarded as national transport operations within the meaning of the AETR in so far as such operations do not pass in transit through the territory of a third State which is a contracting party to the AETR.

CZECH REPUBLIC³

Reservation:
Upon acceding to the Agreement the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic declares, in accordance with its article 21, that it does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 20, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Agreement.

Declaration:
The Government of Czechoslovakia considers article 19 of the Agreement to be in contradiction to the generally recognized right of nations to self-determination.

DENMARK⁸

[Same declaration as the one reproduced under "Belgium".]

FINLAND

[Same declaration as the one reproduced under "Belgium".]

FRANCE⁸

[Same declaration as the one reproduced under "Belgium".]

GERMANY^{4,5}

9 August 1979

[Same declaration, in essence, as the one reproduced under "Belgium".]

IRELAND⁸

[Same declaration as the one reproduced under "Belgium".]

LUXEMBOURG⁸

[Same declaration as the one reproduced under "Belgium".]

MALTA

Reservation:

"The Government of Malta hereby declares that within the meaning of article 19, paragraph 1, of the Agreement, it does not feel bound by the provisions of article 18, paragraphs 2 and 3 thereof."

Declaration:

"The Government of Malta declares that transport operations between the Member States of the European Economic Community shall be regarded as national transport operations within the meaning of the AETR in so far as such operations do not pass in transit through the territory of a third State which is a contracting party to the AETR."

MONACO

The principality of Monaco declared that the accession to the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) does not affect the validity of the Conventions concluded with the Republic of France.

NETHERLANDS⁸

Upon signature:

The Government of the Netherlands [will] ratify the Agreement only when the law of the European Economic Community conforms with the provisions of the latter.

Upon ratification:

[Same declaration as the one reproduced under "Belgium".]

POLAND⁹

Upon signature:

"The Polish People's Republic considers that the Agreement should be open for participation to all European countries without discrimination."

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Reservation with respect of article 20, paragraphs 2 and 3:

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics does not consider itself bound by article 20, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR), and states that, for the submission to arbitration of any dispute among the Contracting Parties concerning the interpretation or application of the European Agreement (AETR), the agreement of all of the Parties in dispute shall be required in each individual case, and the arbitrators shall only be persons appointed by general agreement between the Parties in dispute.

Declaration with respect of article 19:

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics considers it necessary to declare that the provisions of article 19 of the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR), on the extension by States of the validity of the European Agreement (AETR) to the territories for the international relations of which they are responsible, are outdated and contradict the Declaration of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) dated 14 December 1960), which proclaimed the necessity of bringing to a speedy and unconditional end colonialism in all its forms and manifestations.

SLOVAKIA³

Reservation:

Upon acceding to the Agreement the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic declares, in accordance with its article 21, that it does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 20, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Agreement.

Declaration:

The Government of Czechoslovakia considers article 19 of the Agreement to be in contradiction to the generally recognized right of nations to self-determination.

SPAIN

(a) The Government of Spain avails itself of the first of the options provided for in article 5, paragraph 1 (b) (ii) of the Agreement whereby persons whose age is less than 21 years may be prohibited from driving in the territory vehicles of a permissible maximum weight exceeding 7.5 tons.

(b) The Government of Spain enters the reservation provided for in article 21, paragraph 1, of the Agreement and accordingly does not consider itself bound by article 20, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Agreement.

(c) The Government of Spain selects variant (a) of the procedures set forth in paragraph 6 of the annex entitled "Individual Control Book".

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND⁷

[Same declaration, in essence, as the one reproduced under "Belgium".]

Notes:

¹ The Protocol of signature [annexed to the Agreement] was signed on 31 March 1971 on behalf of Austria.

² The former Yugoslavia had acceded to the Agreement on 17 December 1974. See also note 1 under "Bosnia and Herzegovina", "Croatia", "former Yugoslavia", "Slovenia", "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and "Yugoslavia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

³ Czechoslovakia had acceded to the Agreement on 5 December 1975, with a reservation and a declaration. For the text of the reservation and the declaration, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 993, p. 172. See also note 1 under "Czech Republic" and note 1 under "Slovakia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁴ The German Democratic Republic had acceded to the Agreement on 10 August 1976 with a reservation and a declaration. For the text of the reservation and declaration, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1019, p. 400. See also note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁵ See note 1 under "Germany" regarding Berlin (West) in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁶ See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁷ In a notification under article 19(1), dated on 25 March 1971, the Government of the United Kingdom informed the Secretary-General that the validity of the Agreement would extend to the Isle of Man.

⁸ None of the States Parties having objected to these reservations by the end of six months after the respective dates of their circulation by the Secretary-General, they are deemed to have been accepted, in accordance with article 21 (2).

⁹ Upon ratification, the Government of Poland notified the Secretary-General, under article 21(3) of the Agreement, that it does not maintain the reservation made upon signature of not applying article 20, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Agreement.