

# United Nations Road Safety Conventions

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# General Assembly Resolutions

- Since 2003, the GA has called attention to global road safety and the need for improvement
- New GA resolution on road safety every 2 years
- Latest GA resolution A/RES/72/271 (paragraph 6)

*“reaffirms the role and importance of the United Nations legal instruments on road safety, such as the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic, the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic, the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals, the 1958 and 1998 agreements on technical vehicle regulations, the 1997 agreement on periodic technical inspection of vehicles and the 1957 agreement on the transport of dangerous goods, in facilitating road safety at the global, regional and national levels, and commended Member States that have acceded to these international legal instruments on road safety”*

# Voluntary Global Performance Targets directly linked to UN legal instruments

**TARGET 2**  
**2030**



**Target 2: By 2030, all countries accede to one or more of the core road safety-related UN legal instruments.**




**TARGET 5**  
**2030**




**Target 5: By 2030, 100% of new (defined as produced, sold or imported) and used vehicles meet high quality safety standards, such as the recommended priority UN Regulations, Global Technical Regulations, or equivalent recognized national performance requirements.**

**TARGET 6**  
**2030**




**Target 6: By 2030, halve the proportion of vehicles travelling over the posted speed limit and achieve a reduction in speed-related injuries and fatalities.**

**TARGET 7**  
**2030**




**Target 7: By 2030, increase the proportion of motorcycle riders correctly using standard helmets to close to 100%.**

**TARGET 8**  
**2030**



**Target 8: By 2030, increase the proportion of motor vehicle occupants using safety belts or standard child restraint systems to close to 100%.**

**TARGET 9**  
**2030**



**Target 9: By 2030, halve the number of road traffic injuries and fatalities related to drivers using alcohol, and/or achieve a reduction in those related to other psychoactive substances.**

**TARGET 10**  
**2030**



**Target 10: By 2030, all countries have national laws to restrict or prohibit the use of mobile phones while driving.**

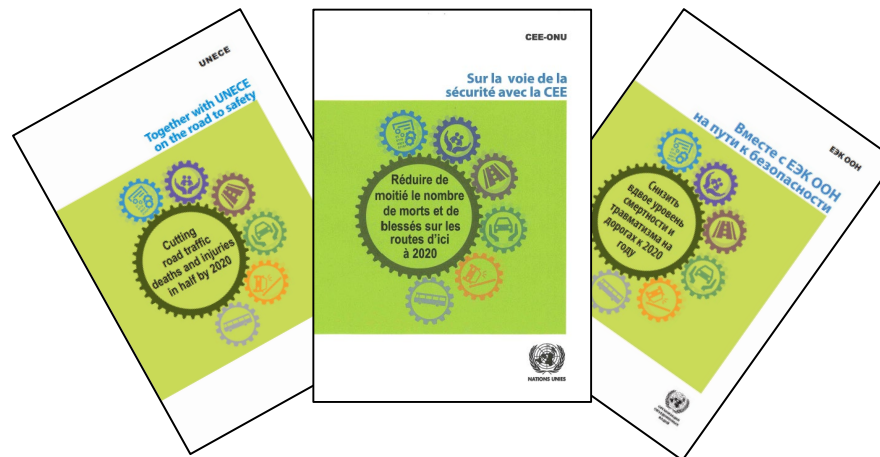
**TARGET 11**  
**2030**



**Target 11: By 2030, all countries to enact regulation for driving time and rest periods for professional drivers, and/or accede to international/regional regulation in this area.**

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- 1949 and 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic
- 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals
- 1958, 1997 and 1998 “Vehicle Regulations” Agreements
- 1957 European Agreement for the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
- 1970 European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport

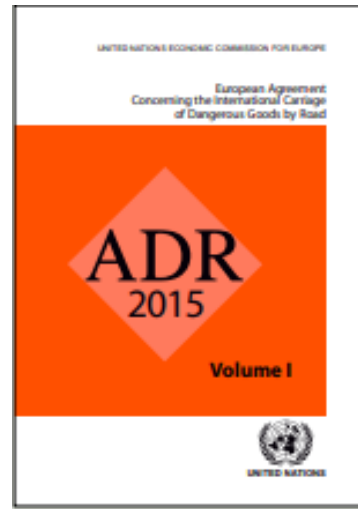
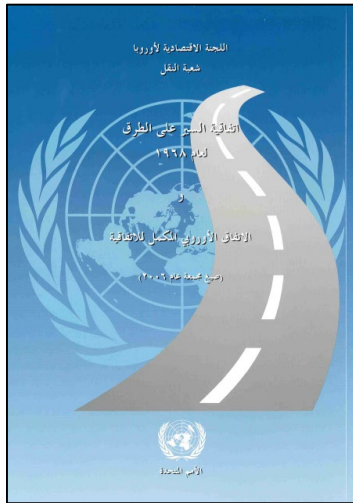


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## Contracting Parties

# What is a Convention?



- Binding based on elaborated good practices
- Multilateral platforms to exchange good practices, discuss emerging challenges and find the best common solutions
- Continuously reviewed and amended to remain current

# Roles for Countries and NGOs

- Understand the United Nations road safety conventions and their benefits
- **Countries** to:
  - Consider the net benefits of accession
  - Undertake the necessary national legal steps/procedures for accession
  - Deposit an instrument of accession with the UN Secretary-General through the Office of Legal Affairs, New York
- **NGOs** may advocate accessions to these instruments, or for their better implementation by their national Governments

# 1949 Convention on Road Traffic: 98 Contracting Parties

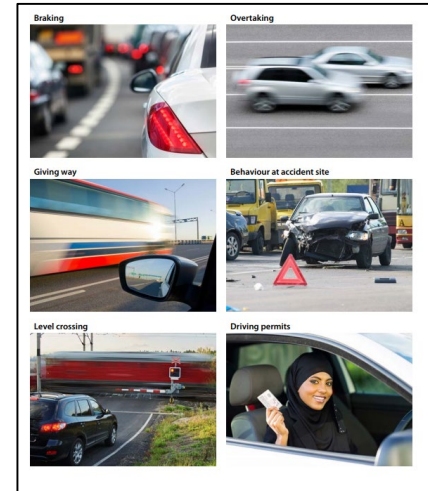






# Conventions on Road Traffic

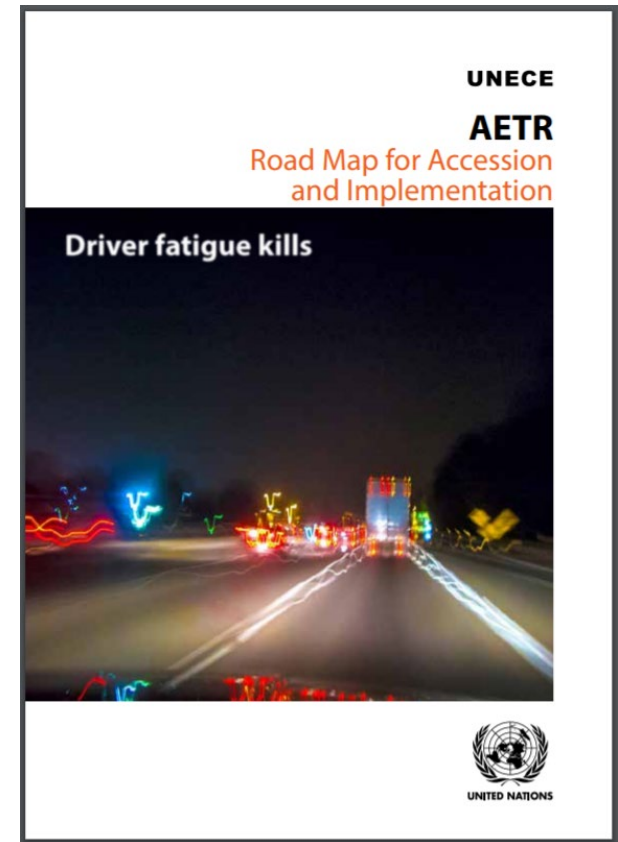
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- To facilitate international road traffic through the adoption of uniform traffic rules and the reciprocal recognition of documents issued in conformity with those rules, also helps to enhance inter-country road safety



# European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)

Improves road safety by:

- prescribing the number of maximum driving hours by professional drivers
  - prescribing rest periods
- ... thereby reducing road accidents due to driver fatigue

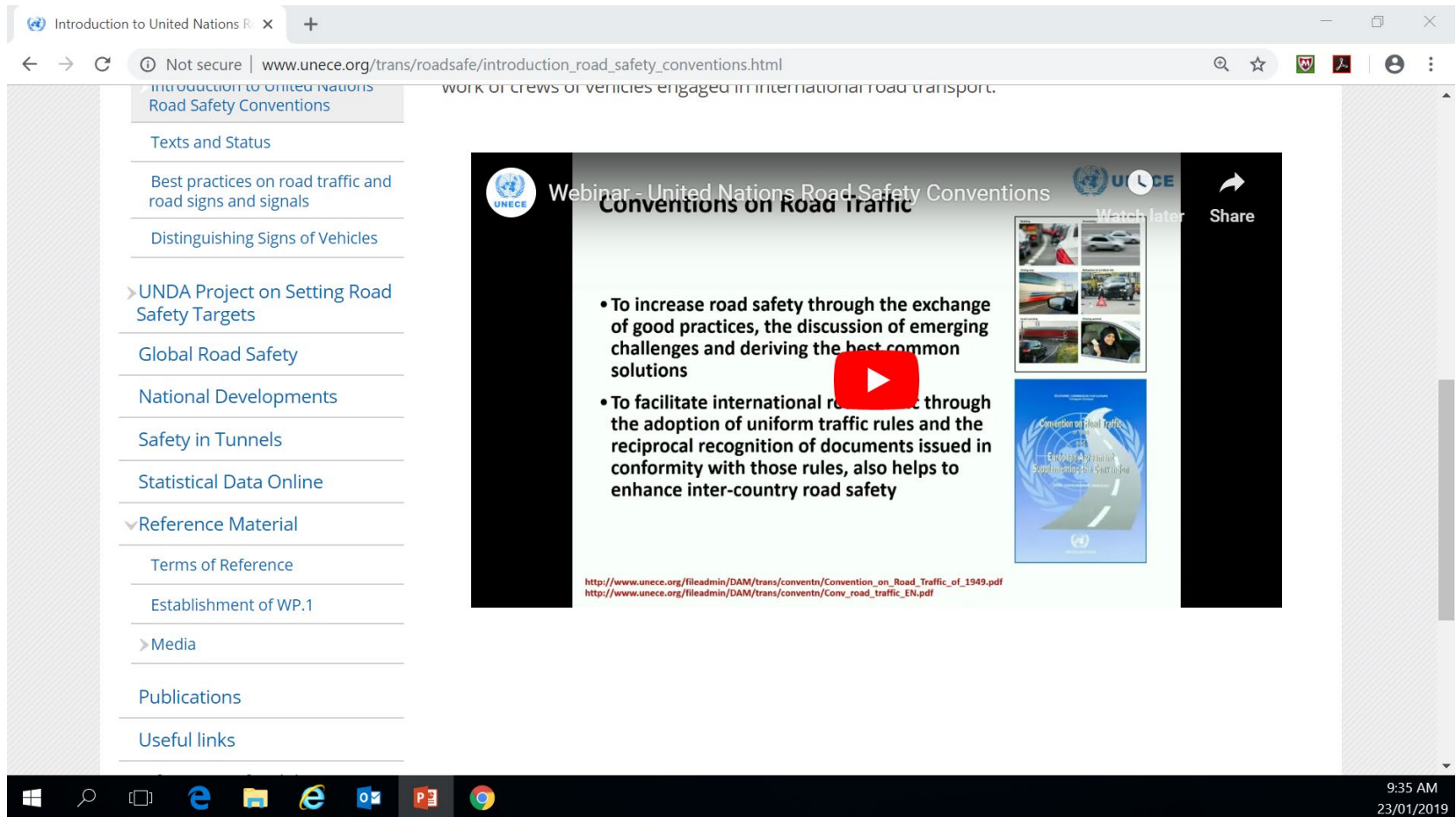


# 1970 AETR Agreement: 51 CPs



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work of crews or vehicles engaged in international road transport.

Texts and Status

Best practices on road traffic and road signs and signals

Distinguishing Signs of Vehicles

UNDA Project on Setting Road Safety Targets

Global Road Safety

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Safety in Tunnels

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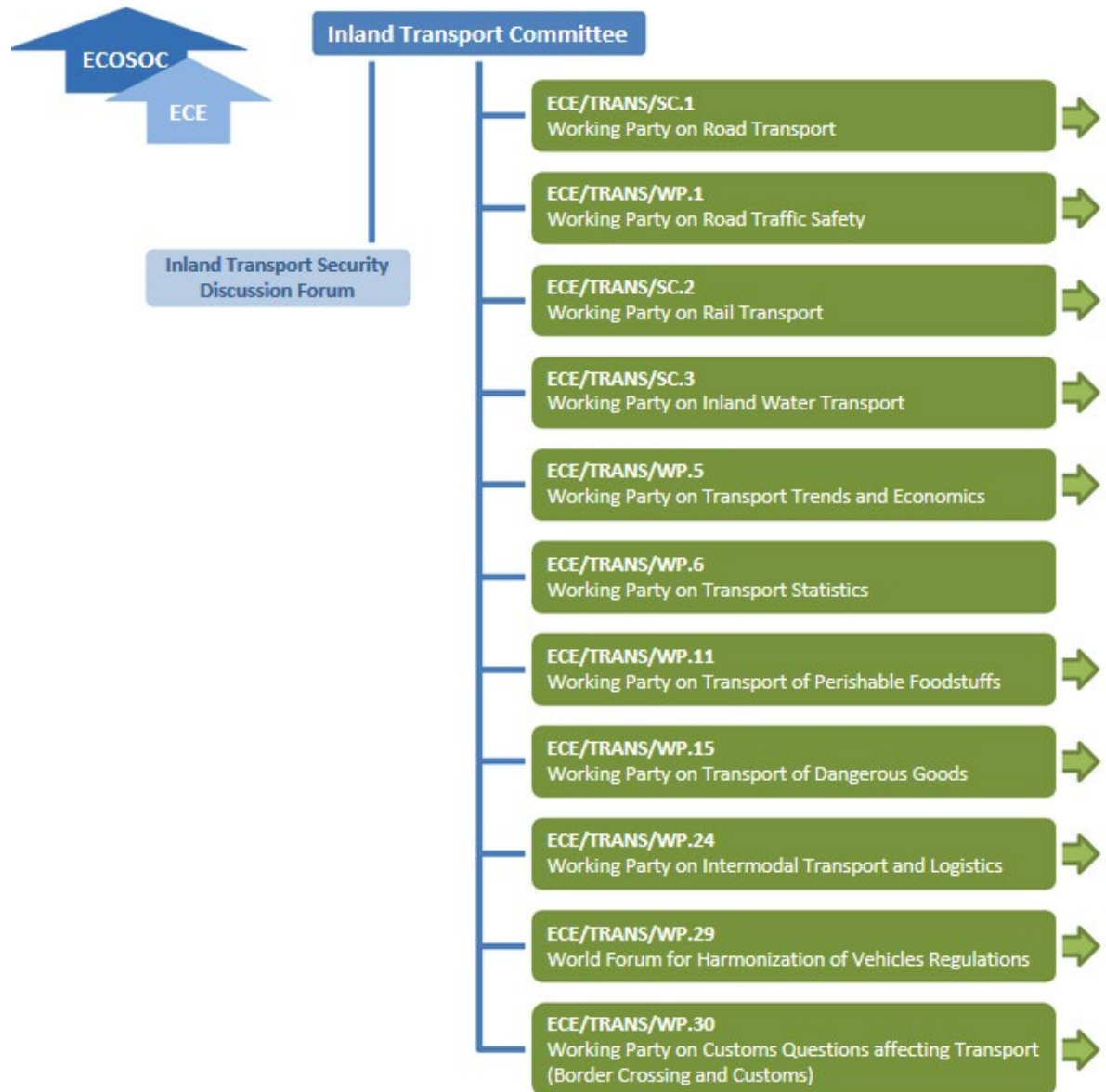
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