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## **Economic Commission for Europe**

Inland Transport Committee

**Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety**

**Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals**

**Informal session**

Geneva, 4 February 2022

### **Report of the informal session of Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals**

#### **I. Attendance**

1. The Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals (GE.2) held its informal session on 4 February 2022, chaired by Mr. K. Hofman (Belgium). Representatives of the following ECE member States participated: Belgium, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal, Luxembourg, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sweden and Switzerland.
2. The representatives of non ECE member States: Egypt and Nigeria and the following non-Governmental Organizations were represented: Confederation of Organization in Road Transport (CORTE), Easa Husain Al-Yousifi & Sons Company and Strasse-Schiene-Verkehr (FSV).

#### **II. Adoption of the Agenda**

3. The Group of Experts adopted the session's agenda.

#### **III. Briefing of the Chair on meetings with government and with private sector experts**

4. The Chair briefed on the outcomes of 14 December 2021 and 12 January 2022 meetings with government and private sector experts respectively. The two meetings were on the topic of the continued participation of private sector experts in the Group. During these meetings, the roles and responsibilities of the private sector experts were discussed, defined and accepted by all participants. As a result, it was decided that the private sector experts will continue to participate and assist the government delegates. At the March session of WP.1, the Chair will inform the working party about the two meetings. WP.1 will be expected to decide how to proceed.

#### **IV. Non-convention signs – the results of the questionnaire on governments’ priorities**

5. The secretariat presented results of the governments’ priorities questionnaire (Informal document No.1). The Group of Experts discussed the results and decided to begin work on the first five priorities (as identified in Informal Document No.1) i.e., cyclists, electric vehicles, pedestrians, micro-mobility, and low emission zones. With respect to the three highest priority areas (cycling, electric vehicles, and pedestrians), six sub-groups have been created to prepare informal documents for the forthcoming sessions. Each document will provide a brief review of the existing signs, propose the preferred option/model/design, and will suggest a short definition of the sign. The sub-groups are led by Germany (commercial cycles), Portugal (cycle crossings together with pedestrian crossings), Mr. S. Egger of FSV (cycles in shared roads), Finland and Sweden (electric or other alternative fuel vehicles), Belgium (restrictions and preferential treatment), the Late Easa Al-Yousefi Charity Foundation (signs “a” and “b” in the pedestrians priority area). The experts are encouraged to join one or more sub-groups to assist leaders in preparing the informal documents. The next sessions will assess informal documents prepared by each sub-group beginning on 14 March 2022 with “cycles in shared roads”.

#### **V. Other Business**

6. The Group of Experts did not discuss any other matters.

#### **VI. Date of next informal session**

7. The next formal session of the Group of Experts is scheduled for 30 May 2022 in Geneva. The Group decided to hold four informal sessions before the formal session. The informal sessions will take place on 14 March, 4 April, 26 April and 9 May 2022 at 9.30-12.30 (in English only).

#### **VII. Adoption of the report of this session**

8. The Group of Experts adopted the report of this informal session.

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