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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**

**Fourth Informal session**

Geneva, 26 April 2022

### **Report of the fourth 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 fourth informal session on 26 April 2022, chaired by Mr. K. Hofman (Belgium). Representatives of the following ECE member States participated: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal, Luxembourg, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sweden and Switzerland.
2. A Representative of non ECE member States: Nigeria and the following non-Governmental Organizations were represented: Confederation of Organization in Road Transport (CORTE), Easa Husain Al-Yousifi & Sons Company, International Road Safety Initiative (IROS) and Strasse-Schiene-Verkehr (FSV).

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

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

#### **III. Non-convention signs – “cycles in shared roads”**

4. The Group continued discussions on this subject using Informal document No.1 (14 March 2022), Informal document No. 2 (4 April 2022), and Informal document No. 1 (26 April 2022). The secretariat gave a presentation on the “cycle signs” and traffic rules currently present in both 1968 Conventions. The Group took note of Informal document No. 2 (26 April 2022) on the same subject (submitted by Denmark).
5. The Group decided that a new sign called “cycle street” should be proposed to be included in the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals. It should feature blue ground, white symbols, be a vertical or horizontal rectangle, with optional inscriptions (such as “cycle street”), placed in the Convention (after E,5 and E, 6 signs) as a vertical rectangle, and defined as: “‘Cycle street’ (sign code to be inserted here) notifies drivers of vehicles about an entry to a road where the special rules to be observed begin to apply. The symbol of a motor vehicle can be replaced by a “cycle street” inscription”. The Group requested Mr. Egger (FSV) to prepare an informal document proposing images of this sign, the “end” of this sign, and the corresponding zonal validity signs. The document should also provide suggestions for definitions.

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6. The Group discussed introducing a “non-compulsory cycle track” sign. It should follow the format as presented as “point 2 in Informal document No. 1 (26 April 2022), and be vertical or horizontal but presented in the Convention as a vertical rectangle so as to make it distinct from G, 18 sign. The Group will revert to this topic at the next session.

#### **IV. Non-convention signs – “cycle crossings located at pedestrian crossings”**

7. The Group did not begin discussing this subject using Informal document No. 1 (4 April 2022) prepared by Portugal.

#### **V. Road signs for small vehicles**

8. The Group did not begin discussing “Road signs for small vehicles motorized and nonmotorized (Informal document No. 3 (4 April 2022)).

#### **VI. Other Business**

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

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

10. The next informal session of the Group of Experts is scheduled for 9 May 2022 (in English only, remote participation).

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

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

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