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Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety

Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals

Informal session

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Report of the eighth 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 eighth informal session on 11 October 2022, chaired by Mr. K. Hofman (Belgium). Representatives of the following ECE member States participated: Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sweden and Switzerland.

2. The following non- UNECE member State: Iran (Islamic Republic of) and non-Governmental Organizations were represented: Automotive Design, Expertise and Consulting Office, Easa Alyousifi and Sons Company, International Road Safety Initiative (IROSI), Fyemto Integrated Logistics and Transport Services, and Strasse-Schiene-Verkehr (FSV) participated as observers.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

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

III. Non-Convention signs – “cycles in shared roads” and “non-compulsory cycle track”

4. The Group continued its discussion of Informal document No. 1/Rev.2 (23 June 2022) prepared by the Chair and the secretariat. The Group agreed to revise the definition of the “Cycle street” sign to say: “E-XX.0 notifies cyclists and drivers of other vehicles about entry to a road where special traffic rules apply to enhance the safety of cyclists. The inscription “cycle street” or its equivalent in the national language may be displayed on the sign.”

5. In addition, the definition of the “Non-compulsory cycle track” sign is to be similarly revised to say “E-XX.0 notifies cyclists about entry to a track that is reserved for them, and notifies drivers of other vehicles that they are not entitled to use this track. Cyclists are not required to use this track. The inscription “cycle track” or its equivalent in the national language may be displayed on the sign.”

Informal document No. 1/Rev.3 (23 June 2022), which takes into account these revisions will be prepared by the Chair and the secretariat for the next session.

IV. Non-Convention signs – “cyclist crossings located at pedestrian crossings”

6. The Group discussed Informal document No. 2/Rev.2 (23 June 2022) prepared by the Chair and the secretariat. The Group agreed on the text and selected “Variant 2” for the last sentence in the definition of the “Pedestrian crossing and cyclist crossing in close proximity” sign. Informal document No. 2/Rev.3 (23 June 2022), which takes into account this revision (as well as a greater white triangle on the image) will be prepared by the Chair and the secretariat for the next session.

7. The Group discussed Informal document No. 2 (11 October 2022) which contains images of corresponding danger warning signs and selected images “6b” and “7b”. It invited the Chair and the secretariat to prepare an informal document with these two images and the corresponding definitions to be discussed at the next session.

8. The Group took note of Informal document No. 3 which identifies some road traffic policy issues and concerns (related to the cyclist crossing sign). The Chair invited Denmark to consider raising these issues at a future WP.1 session.

V. Road signs for small vehicles

9. The Group began reviewing “Road signs for small vehicles motorized and nonmotorized” (Informal document No. 3/Rev.1 (6 September 2022)). The Group agreed to select the sign image No.1 to represent “tricycles and quadricycles” (or B1 driving permit category). The Group will verify if the Convention (or its proposed amendments) expressly allows for the use of C category symbols in additional panels (H category signs). The sign image No. 3 was not supported by the Group while the discussion about Nos. 4 and 5 was not decisive. The Group will continue to review this document at the next session.

VI. Road signs for electric charging

10. The Group – due to lack of time – did not begin reviewing Informal document No.1(11 October 2022) which contains signs and symbols for electric charging, alternative fuels and preferential treatment.

VII. Other Business

11. The Chair informed the Group that WP.1 had declined the Group’s request to extend its mandate until 31 December 2024 (para. 7, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/42). The Chair will present the Group’s final recommendations (on the non-Convention road signs) to WP.1 in March 2023.

12. The secretariat noted Informal document No.4 submitted by CORTE, which contains recommendations for low (and zero) emissions zones road signs.

VIII. Date of next session

13. The next formal session of the Group of Experts is scheduled for 3-4 November 2022 in Geneva.

IX. Adoption of the report of this session

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