



Economic Commission for Europe**Inland Transport Committee****Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety****Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals****Twenty-second session**

Geneva, 3-4 November 2022

Report of the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals on its Twenty-second session**I. Attendance**

1. The Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals (GE.2) held twenty-second session from 3 to 4 November 2022, chaired by Mr. K. Hofman (Belgium). Representatives of the following ECE member States participated: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sweden and Switzerland.

2. The following non-Governmental Organizations were represented: Confederation of Organization in Road Transport (CORTE), Automotive Design, Expertise and Consulting Office, Easa Husain Al-Yousifi & Sons Company, International Road Safety Initiative (IROS) and Strasse-Schiene-Verkehr (FSV).

II. Adoption of the Agenda (agenda item 1)

3. The Group of Experts adopted the session's agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/43).

III. Status of the Group of Experts' final report and proposals to amend Annexes 1 and 3 of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals (agenda item 2)

4. The Chair provided an update on the status of the Group of Experts' final report (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/4/Rev.1) and proposals to amend Annexes 1 and 3 of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/5/Rev.2) as per discussions at the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) on 19-23 September 2022. WP.1 agreed that further work on these two documents is needed, mostly to ensure internal consistency and to switch to a new sign code. To this end, it invited the Chair, the secretariat, and other WP.1 members to prepare three formal documents which consolidate amendment proposals (and identify any new changes beyond those presented at this WP.1 session) to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals, the European Agreement Supplementing the 1968 Convention, and the Protocol on Road Markings (additional to the European Agreement).

IV. Programme of Work: non-Convention signs (agenda item 3)

5. At this session, the Group completed its work on cycle streets, and non-compulsory cycle track (Informal document No.1/Rev.3 (23 June 2022)); cyclist crossings, and cyclist crossings located in close proximity to pedestrian crossings (Informal document No.2/Rev.3 (23 June 2022)); and the corresponding danger warning signs (Informal document No. 2/Rev.1 (11 October 2022)).

6. In the area of road signs for “small vehicles (motorized and non-motorized)”, the Group reviewed sign and symbol proposals from Informal document No.3/Rev.1 (4 April 2022) and Informal document No. 1 (3 November 2022). After discussion, the proponents with the assistance of FSV were invited to revise the images (1, 4, 5 and 6 as well as “light bus and large bus”) and the corresponding definitions, and to submit them in an informal document for the next informal session (on 6 December 2022).

7. In the area of signs and symbols for “electric charging and alternative fuels”, the Group discussed Informal document No. 1 (11 October 2022) and invited the Chair and the secretariat to prepare a document containing the F, 4 sign complemented by a proposed additional panel (showing alternative fuels (including electricity represented by a plug and cord)) as well as a separate additional panel with “electric vehicle” to complement signs such as C, 18. The proposed additional panel symbols are to be prepared by FSV (the vehicle symbol with the assistance of France). The Group took note of Informal document No. 2 (3 November 2022) which aims at supplementing Informal document No. 1 (11 October 2022).

8. CORTE gave a presentation on zero and low emissions zones (Informal document No. 4 (11 October 2022)). The Group thanked CORTE and other members of the consortium for its work in this area. The Group invited the Chair together with Denmark to prepare an informal document on zero and low emissions zone signs for the 6 December informal session. IROSI was invited to prepare a document on the “days of the week” symbols to be used on additional panels.

V. Other Business (agenda item 4)

9. The Chair informed the Group that the request to extend its mandate until the end of 2024 was not supported and declined by WP.1.

10. The Chair will seek WP.1 guidance on the issues related to strategic considerations such as the level of detail of vehicle types to be present in the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals.

VI. Date of next session (agenda item 5)

11. There are no future formal sessions scheduled. The last informal session will take place in English only, remote participation, on 6 December 2022.

VII. Adoption of the Report (agenda item 6)

12. The Group of Experts adopted the report of this session.
