

Informal Document (English only)

QUESTIONNAIRE ON OVERTAKING (2006)

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AUSTRIA						X	None	Austria would prefer not to define “Overtaking” at all
AZERBAIDJAN	X						3	–
BELGIUM				X			–	<u>New proposal</u> : “Action consisting of getting ahead of one or more moving vehicles» Action consistant à devancer un ou plusieurs véhicules en mouvement
CZECH REPUBLIC	X						3	The description of overtaking / passing in the convention seems to be acceptable.
DENMARK						X	None	–

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ESTONIA				X			–	–
FINLAND			X				4, 1, 5	–
FRANCE				X			3	Option 4 corresponds to the interpretation used in the French Highway code
GERMANY						X	–	From the German point of view it is not necessary to have a definition on overtaking, which would even be extremely difficult
ITALY	X						3	–
KAZAKHSTAN				X			3	–

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KYRGYZSTAN				X			3, 1	-
LUXEMBOURG						X	-	<p><u>Proposal</u>: « The manoeuvre carried out by a driver, consisting of driving at a faster speed than that of the vehicle or vehicles he/she is following by temporarily leaving the lane or line occupied and then returning to the same lane or line.</p> <p>La manoeuvre effectuée par un conducteur, consistant à circuler à une vitesse supérieure à celle du ou des véhicules qu’il suit en quittant temporairement la voie ou la file empruntée puis en se replaçant sur cette même voie ou file. »</p>

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NORWAY							-	None of the options take care in full of the legal status of the present text of the Convention. It seems difficult to make a definition that covers everything, without creating interpretation difficulties. Our proposal therefore is not to define overtaking.
RUSSIAN FEDERATION		X					1, 4	-
UNITED KINGDOM				X	X		-	Options No 4 and 5 together Overtaking definition must cover both the case where a vehicle moves out of lane to pass a slower vehicle, and where a vehicle passes a slower vehicle in an adjacent lane

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TOTAL (16 replies)	3	1	1	6	1	4	Option 3 (mentioned 6 times) Option 1 (mentioned 3 times) Options 4 (mentioned 2 times) Option 5 (mentioned 1 time) 2 none 6 no indication	2 alternative proposals

N.B. Texts submitted in French have been unofficially translated into English.