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Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)

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1. Amendment proposals to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals (Articles 1-46), to Annex 2, to the European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals, and to the Protocol on Road Markings Additional to the European Agreement Supplementing the Convention.
2. This document proposes changes to pages 14-29 of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/4/Rev.1. It should be noted that original amendment proposals are identified in bald (additions) and in strikethrough (deletions) come from ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/4/Rev.1. This document contains additional amendment proposals (largely of editorial nature) marked in red.

Additional amendments proposed by the Chair and the secretariat

1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals, Articles 1- 46

Article 1

Definitions

²-*See footnote*

{² Additional definition introduced in the Annex of the European Agreement (see point 3)}~~[deleted]~~

The above line to be deleted entirely.

(b)bis “ 'Residential area' means an specially-designed area where special traffic rules apply and which is signposted as such at its entries and exits.”

The above line to be revised to say “ ...means a specially-designed area ...”

Article 2

Annexes to the Convention

The annexes to this Convention, namely:

The above line is to be deleted.

Annex 1: Road signs;

Section A: Danger warning signs;

Section B: Priority signs;

Section C: Prohibitory or restrictive signs;

Section D: Mandatory signs;

Section E: Special regulation signs;

Section F: Information, facilities or service signs;

Section G: ~~Direction, position or indication signs~~ **Other information signs;**

Section H: Additional panels;

and

Annex 2: Road markings;

The above line is to be revised to say “Annex 2: Road markings.”

~~Annex 3: Reproduction in colour of signs, symbols and panels referred to in Annex 1; and Annex 2~~ are integral parts of this Convention.

Article 5

(b) Regulatory signs: these signs are intended to inform road-users of special obligations, restrictions or prohibitions with which they must comply; they are subdivided into:

In the above lines, replace “road-users” with “road users”

(i) Priority signs;

(ii) Prohibitory ~~or~~ **and** restrictive signs;

(iii) Mandatory signs;

(iv) Special regulation signs;

(c) Informative signs: these signs are intended to guide road-users while they are travelling or to provide them with other information which may be useful; they are subdivided into:

In the above lines, replace “road-users” with “road users”

- (i) Information, facilities or service signs;
- (ii) ~~Direction, position or indication signs~~ **Other information signs:**

- Advance direction signs;
- Direction signs;
- Road identification signs;
- Place identification signs;
- Confirmatory signs;
- Indication signs;

(iii) ~~Additional panels.~~

(d) Additional panels: these signs, only used with other signs, provide additional information.

2. Where this Convention allows a choice between several signs, ~~or several symbols, or several colours,~~

(a) Contracting Parties undertake to adopt only one of such signs or symbols for the whole of their territories **and only one of such colours for the permanent signs of category A and C and the relevant permanent signs of category B for the whole of their territories and only one of such colours for the temporary signs for the whole of their territories;**

Article 6

2. All signs shall apply to the drivers ~~from~~ **for** whom they are intended over the whole width of the carriageway open to traffic. However, signs may be made to apply to only one or to several lanes of the carriageway when lanes are defined by longitudinal markings. In this case, one of the following three options shall be used:

(c) Signs ~~E, 1 or E, 2~~ described in Annex 1, section E, subsection II, paragraphs 1 **(REGULATION OR DANGER WARNING APPLYING TO A LANE)** and 2 **(LANE RESERVED FOR BUSES and LANE RESERVED FOR A SPECIFIC TYPE OF ROAD USER)** to this Convention or signs ~~G, 11 and G, 12~~ described in Annex 1, section G, subsection ~~VI~~, paragraphs **6 A (DIRECTION OF LANES) and B (END OR CLOSURE OF A LANE)** ~~1 and 2~~ will be placed on the edge of the carriageway.

In the above lines revise “LANE RESERVED FOR A SPECIFIC TYPE OF ROAD USER” to say “LANE RESERVED FOR OTHER CATEGORIES OF VEHICLES”

Article 7

4. Dark or light graphic elements of different colours in the signs ~~may~~ **should preferably** be differentiated by means of contrasting ~~light or dark~~ **white or yellow and black or dark blue**-narrow strips respectively.

4(bis) White or yellow and black or dark blue rims may be used at the edge to enhance conspicuity of signs. For additional panels, it is possible to replace a black or a dark blue rim with a red rim.

Article 8:

3. Nothing in this Convention shall prohibit the addition, ~~mainly~~ in order to facilitate the interpretation of signs, of an inscription in a ~~rectangular~~ **an additional panel below the sign or in a rectangular panel containing the sign**; such an inscription may also be placed on the sign itself, if this does not make the sign more difficult to understand for drivers who cannot understand the inscription⁸.

4. Where the competent authorities consider it advisable to make the meaning of a sign or symbol more explicit or to limit the application of a sign to certain periods, this can be done by inscriptions on the sign as provided in Annex 1 to this Convention or on an additional panel. If regulatory signs are to be restricted to certain road-users or if certain road-users are to be exempt from the regulation, this is done through additional panels according to Annex

1, section H, **subsection II**, paragraph 3 (ROAD USER PANEL) and 4 (PERSON WITH DISABILITIES PANEL) 4 (panels H, 5a ; H, 5b ; and H, 6).

In the above lines, replace “road-users” with “road users” (twice)

Article 9:

1. Section A, ~~subsection I~~ of Annex 1 to this Convention ~~indicates~~ **provides** the models for danger warning signs; ~~Section A, subsection II indicates the symbols to be placed on these signs and gives some instructions for their use-,~~ **describes the danger warning signs and gives their meaning.** In conformity with Article 46, paragraph 2 of this Convention, each State shall notify the Secretary-General whether it has selected ~~Aa or Ab as the model one~~ **(equilateral triangle) or model two (square with one diagonal vertical)** for danger warning signs.⁹

4. The distance between the sign and the beginning of a dangerous section of road ~~may be shown in an additional panel H, 1 of Annex 1, section H to this Convention and placed in accordance with the provisions of that section; this information must~~ **shall** be given when the distance between the sign and the beginning of the dangerous section of road cannot be judged by drivers ~~and or~~ is not what they might normally expect. **This distance shall be shown in accordance with Annex 1, Section H, subsection II, paragraph 1 (DISTANCE PANEL).**

5. Danger warning signs may be repeated, particularly on motorways and roads treated as motorways. Where they are repeated, the distance between the sign and the beginning of the dangerous section of road shall be shown in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4 of this Article.

However, with respect to danger warning signs giving warning of and distance to ~~swing opening~~ bridges and level crossings, ~~it shall be open to Contracting Parties may to apply the following provisions: use A signs specific for approaches to opening bridges and level crossings, which are described~~ rectangular panel having its longer sides vertical and bearing three oblique red bars on a white or yellow ground, ~~may be placed below any danger warning signs bearing one of the symbols A, 5; A, 25; A, 26 or A, 27 described in Annex 1, section A, subsection II, paragraphs 5, 25, 26 and 27 to this Convention, provided that additional signs consisting of panels of the same shape bearing respectively one or two oblique red bars on a white or yellow ground are set up at about one third and two thirds of the distance between the sign and the railway line. These signs may be repeated on the opposite side of the carriageway. The panels mentioned in this paragraph are further depicted in Annex 1, section A, subsection II, paragraph 29 of Annex 1 to this Convention.~~

In the last line above, delete “, subsection II, paragraph 29 of Annex 1 to this Convention”

6. If a danger warning sign is used to give warning of a danger on a section of road of some length (e.g. a series of dangerous bends or a section of carriageway in bad condition) and if it is considered desirable to show the length of that section, this shall be done **in accordance with** ~~on an additional panel H, 2 of Annex 1, section H, subsection II, paragraph 1 (LENGTH INDICATION PANEL).~~ **to this Convention, placed in accordance with the provisions of that section.**

Article 10

Priority signs

1. The signs for notifying or informing road-users of the special rules of priority at intersections are **described in Annex 1, section B, paragraphs 1 to 4.** ~~signs B, 1; B, 2; B, 3 and B, 4.~~

In the above line, replace “road-users” with “road users”

2. The signs described in Annex 1, section B, paragraphs 1 (GIVE WAY) and 2 (STOP) shall be placed at the intersection, if possible level with the point at which vehicles must stop or beyond which they must not pass when giving way. They may be placed elsewhere than at an intersection if the competent authorities consider it necessary. The sign of paragraph 2 shall be set up only if the competent authorities

consider it advisable to require drivers to stop, in particular because of the poor visibility, for drivers, of the sections of the road, on either side of the intersection, which they are approaching.

Revise the sentence above to say: “The STOP sign shall be set up only if the competent authorities consider it advisable to require drivers to stop, in particular because of the poor visibility, for drivers, of the sections of the road, on either side of the intersection, which they are approaching.”

3. The sign described in Annex 1, section B, paragraph 3 (PRIORITY ROAD) shall may be placed at the beginning of the road and repeated after each intersection; it may also be set up before or at the intersection.

4. The sign described in Annex 1, section B, paragraph 4 (END OF PRIORITY) shall be placed at the approach to the point from where the sign of Annex 1, section B, paragraph 3 (PRIORITY ROAD) ceases to apply.

5. The sign of Annex 1, section B, paragraph 4 (END OF PRIORITY) may be repeated one or more times in advance of the point where the priority ends; the sign or signs set up in advance of that point shall be placed together with an additional panel described in Annex 1, section H, paragraph 1 (DISTANCE PANEL).

6. If warning of an intersection is given on a priority road by danger warning signs bearing one of the A, 19 symbols described in Annex 1, Section A, subsection II, paragraph 19, or if at the intersection the road is a priority road and has been signposted as such by sign B, 3 as provided in Annex 1, section B, paragraph 3 (PRIORITY ROAD) 7, signs B, 1 or B, 2 provided in Annex 1, section B, paragraphs 1 (GIVE WAY) and 2 (STOP) shall be placed at the intersection on all the other roads; however, the placing of those signs B, 1 or B, 2 shall not be mandatory on roads such as paths or earth-tracks where drivers are required to give way at the intersection even in the absence of such signs.

Point 6 above to be revised to say “ ... signposted as such by the sign described in Annex 1, section B, paragraph 3 (PRIORITY ROAD) 7, the signs B, 1 or B, 2 described in Annex 1, ...”

27. The signs for informing road-users of a rule of priority on narrow sections of road are signs B, 5 and B, 6. These signs are described in Annex 1, section B, paragraphs 5 (PRIORITY FOR ONCOMING TRAFFIC) and 6 (PRIORITY OVER ONCOMING TRAFFIC). to this Convention.

In the above line, replace “road-users” with “road users”

2. — Sign B, 1 "GIVE WAY", shall be used to notify drivers that, at the intersection where the sign is placed, they must give way to vehicles on the road they are approaching.

3. — Sign B, 2, "STOP", shall be used to notify drivers that, at the intersection where the sign is placed, they shall stop before entering the intersection and give way to vehicles on the road they are approaching. In conformity with Article 46, paragraph 2, of this Convention, each State shall notify the Secretary General whether it has selected B, 2a or B, 2b as the model for the "STOP" sign.¹⁰

{¹⁰ See also point 9 of the Annex of the European Agreement[deleted]}

The above line to be deleted entirely.

4. — Sign B, 1 or B, 2 may be placed elsewhere than at an intersection if the competent authorities consider it necessary.

5. — Signs B, 1 and B, 2 shall be placed at the intersection, if possible level with the point at which vehicles must stop or beyond which they must not pass when giving way.

6. — To give advance warning of sign B, 1 the same sign supplemented by an additional panel H, 1, described in Annex 1, section H to the Convention, shall be used. To give advance warning of sign B, 2, sign B, 1, supplemented by a rectangular panel bearing the "STOP" symbol and a figure indicating the distance to the sign B, 2 shall be used.¹¹

{¹¹ See also point 9 of the Annex of the European Agreement[deleted]}

The above line to be deleted entirely.

~~7. — Sign B, 3, "PRIORITY ROAD", shall be used to notify users of a road that, at intersections of that road with other roads, the drivers of vehicles moving along or coming from such other roads are required to give way to vehicles moving along that road. This sign may be set up at the beginning of the road and repeated after each intersection; it may also be set up before or at the intersection. Where sign B, 3 has been set up on a road, sign B, 4, "END OF PRIORITY", shall be placed at the approach to the point where the road ceases to have priority over other roads.~~

~~Sign B, 4 may be repeated one or more times in advance of the point where the priority ends; the sign or signs set up in advance of that point shall then bear an additional panel H, 1 of Annex 1, section H.~~

~~8. — If warning of an intersection is given on a road by a danger warning sign bearing one of the A, 19 symbols, or if at the intersection the road is a priority road and has been marked as such by signs B, 3 as provided in paragraph 7 of this Article, a sign B, 1 or B, 2 shall be placed at the intersection on all the other roads; however, the placing of signs B, 1 or B, 2 shall not be mandatory on roads such as paths or earth tracks where drivers are required to give way at the intersection even in the absence of such signs.~~

~~A sign B, 2 shall be set up only if the competent authorities consider it advisable to require drivers to stop, in particular because of the poor visibility, for drivers, of the sections of the road, on either side of the intersection, which they are approaching.~~

ARTICLE 13

~~Provisions applying generally to the signs described in Annex 1, sections C, and D to this Convention~~
Special regulation signs

Section E of Annex 1 to this Convention describes the special regulation signs and gives their meaning.

Article 13bis

~~Special regulation signs~~
Provisions applying generally to the signs described in Annex 1, sections C, and D and E to this Convention

1. Prohibitory, restrictive and mandatory **as well as special regulation** signs shall be placed in the immediate vicinity of the point where the obligation, restriction, ~~or prohibition~~ **or special regulation** begins **or takes effect** and may be repeated if the competent authorities consider it necessary. Nevertheless, if the competent authorities consider it advisable for reasons of visibility or in order to give users advance warning, these signs may be placed at a suitable distance in advance of the point where the obligation, restriction, ~~or prohibition~~ **or special regulation** applies ~~An additional panel H, 1 of in accordance with Annex 1, section H, subsection II, paragraph 1 (DISTANCE PANEL), unless provided otherwise shall be placed under signs set up in advance of the point where the obligation, restriction or prohibition applies.~~

In the above para, delete “, unless provided otherwise”

2. ~~Regulatory~~ **Prohibitory, restrictive, and mandatory** signs placed level with ~~or shortly after~~ a sign indicating the beginning of a built-up area shall mean that the rule applies throughout the built-up area, unless a different rule is notified by other signs on certain sections of the road in the built-up area.

3. Prohibitory and restrictive signs shall apply as from the place they are displayed until the point where a contrary sign is displayed, otherwise until the next intersection. If the prohibition or restriction should continue to be applied after the intersection the sign shall be repeated in accordance with provisions in domestic legislation. ~~Shall~~ **If, however, these signs, as well as a mandatory or a special regulation sign are placed on be used on zonal validity signs,**

4. — Where a regulatory sign applies to all roads in a zone (zonal validity), it shall be displayed in the way described in Annex 1, section E, subsection II, paragraph 8 (a) to this

Convention-, they will apply to all roads in the a zone to the point where signs indicating the exit from the zone are set up.

5. — The exit from the zones referred to in paragraph 4 above shall be indicated in the way described in Annex 1, of section E, subsection II, paragraph 8 (b) of this Convention.

ARTICLE 13 bis

Special regulation signs

1. — Section E of Annex 1 to this Convention describes the special regulation signs and gives their meaning.

2. — Signs E, 7a; E, 7b; E, 7c or E, 7d and E, 8a; E, 8b; E, 8c or E, 8d shall notify road-users that the general regulations governing traffic in built up areas in the territory of the State apply from signs E, 7a; E, 7b; E, 7c; or E, 7d to signs E, 8a; E, 8b; E, 8c; or E, 8d except in so far as different regulations may be notified by other signs on certain sections of road in the built up area. However, sign B, 4 shall always be placed on a priority road marked with sign B, 3 if that road ceases to have priority where it passes through the built up area. The provisions of Article 14, paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 apply to these signs.¹²

{¹² See also point 9bis of the Annex of the European Agreement[deleted]}

The above line to be deleted entirely.

2 bis. — Sign E, 11a shall be used for tunnels of 1,000 m or more and in cases provided for by domestic legislation. For tunnels of 1,000 m or more, the length shall be included either in the lower part of the sign, or on an additional panel H, 2, as described in Annex 1, section H. The name of the tunnel may be indicated according to Article 8, paragraph 3 of this Convention.

3. — Signs E, 12a; E, 12b or E, 12c shall be placed at pedestrian crossings when the competent authorities consider it advisable.

4. — The special regulations signs shall be set up, with due regard to the requirements of Article 6, paragraph 1, only where the competent authorities consider it essential. They may be repeated; an additional panel placed below the sign may show the distance between the sign and the point which it indicates; this distance may also be inscribed on the lower part of the sign itself

Article 14

1. Sections F and G of Annex 1 to this Convention describe the signs which convey useful information to road-users, or give examples of such signs, and also give some instructions for their use.

In the above line, replace “road-users” with “road users”

2. — The inscription of words on informative signs (ii) of Article 5, paragraph 1 (c), in countries not using the Latin alphabet shall be both in the national language and in the form of a transliteration into the Latin alphabet reproducing as closely as possible the pronunciation in the national language.

3. — In countries not using the Latin alphabet, the words in Latin characters may be entered either on the same sign as the words in the national language or on a repeat sign.

4. — A sign shall not bear inscriptions in more than two languages.

Article 15

Advance direction signs

Advance direction signs shall be placed at such distance from the intersection as will make them most effective both by day and by night, having regard to road and traffic conditions, including the normal speed of vehicles and the distance at which the sign is visible; this distance need not exceed about 50 meters (55 yards) in built-up areas but shall be not less than 500 meters (550 yards) on motorways and other roads carrying fast traffic. The signs may be repeated. ~~An additional panel placed below the sign may show the distance between the sign and the intersection; this distance may also be shown on the lower part of the sign itself.~~

Article 16

Direction signs

1. ~~One-Direction signs shall be placed near or at an intersection and~~ may bear the names of several places; ~~the names shall then appear one below the other on the sign. The letters used for one place name may be larger than those used for the others only if the place in question is the largest of them.~~

2. ~~When distances are shown, the figures expressing them shall be inscribed at the same height as the place name. On direction signs which are arrow-shaped, these figures shall be placed between the place name and the point of the arrow; on rectangular-shaped signs they shall be placed after the place name.~~

Article 17

Road identification signs

~~The signs used to identify roads either by their number, made up of figures, letters or a combination of figures and letters, or by their name, shall consist of that number or that name framed in a rectangle or shield. However, Contracting Parties having a route classification system may replace the rectangle by a route classification symbol.~~

Road identification signs shall be placed along roads which they identify. They may be also placed on advance direction signs, direction signs or confirmatory signs.

Article 18

Place identification signs

Place identification signs may be ~~used~~**placed** to show the frontier between two countries or the boundary between two administrative divisions of the same country or the name of a river, mountain pass, beauty spot, etc. These signs shall differ conspicuously from the signs referred to in ~~Article 13 bis, paragraph 2, of this Convention~~¹³ **Annex 1, Section E, subsection II paragraph 7 (BEGINNING OF A BUILT-UP AREA and END OF A BUILT-UP AREA).**

{¹³ See also point 10 of the Annex of the European Agreement[deleted]}

The above line to be deleted entirely.

Article 19

Confirmatory signs

Confirmatory signs are ~~used~~ **placed** to confirm the direction of a road where the competent authorities consider it necessary, e.g. at the exit from a large built-up area. ~~They shall bear the name of one or more places, as provided in Article 16, paragraph 1, of this Convention. Where distances are shown, the figures expressing them shall be placed after the name of the locality.~~

Article 20

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Indication signs

Indication signs are placed to provide advisory information to road-users.

In the above line, replace “road-users” with “road users”

Article 21

Provisions applying generally to informative signs

1. The informative signs referred to in Articles 15 to 19 of this Convention shall be set up where the competent authorities consider it advisable. ~~The other informative signs~~ **Information, facilities or service signs and indication signs** shall be set up, with due regard for the requirements of Article 6, paragraph 1, only where the competent authorities consider it essential; in particular, signs F, 2 to F, 7 ~~shall be set up only on roads on which facilities for~~ **indicating** emergency repairs, refuelling, accommodation and refreshments **shall be set up only on roads on which these facilities** are rare.

In the first sentence above, delete “informative”

2. ~~Informative signs may be repeated. An additional panel placed below the sign may show the distance between the sign and the point which it indicates; this distance may also be inscribed on the lower part of the sign itself.~~

Article 22

~~/Deleted/~~

Section H of Annex 1 to this Convention describes the additional panels and gives their meaning.

Article 23

Signals for vehicular traffic,

11 (a) Where green or red lights are placed above traffic lanes shown by longitudinal markings on a carriageway having more than two lanes, the red light shall mean that traffic may not proceed along the lane over which it is placed and the green light shall mean that traffic may so proceed. The red light thus placed shall be in ~~the form of two inclined crossed bars~~ **a form of X** and the green light in the form of an arrow pointing downwards.

13. In cases where traffic light signals apply to cyclists only, this restriction may be clarified, if to do so is necessary in order to avoid confusion, by including the silhouette of a cycle in the traffic light signal itself or by using a traffic light signal of small size supplemented by **an additional panel** ~~rectangular plate~~ showing a cycle. **Such an additional panel used in conjunction with the traffic light can be placed below, above or beside it.**

Article 26 BIS

Above replace “BIS” with “bis”

2. When a lane is reserved for regular public transport service vehicles the worded road marking shall be the word "BUS" or the letter "A". The sign indicating such a ~~lane~~ **lane described in Annex 1, section E, subsection II, paragraph (LANE RESERVED FOR BUSES)** shall be ~~of the square type described in annex 1, section E, or of the round type~~

~~described in annex 1, section D, of the present~~ **include the additional panel showing the white symbol of a bus on a blue ground of the type described in Annex 1, section H, paragraph 3 (ROAD USER PANEL) of this Convention or only the symbol of a bus.** Diagrams 28a and 28b shown in ~~a~~Annex 2 to this Convention are examples of markings for a lane reserved for regular public transport service vehicles.

Article 27

1.²⁰ A transverse marking consisting of a continuous line across one or more traffic lanes shall mark the line behind which drivers are required **to stop** by the sign **described in Annex 1, section B, paragraph 2 (STOP)** ~~in B, 2, "STOP", referred to in Article 10, paragraph 3, of this Convention, to stop.~~

Above delete the reference to footnote 20

Such a marking may also be used to show the line behind which drivers may be required to stop by a light signal, or by a signal given by an authorized official directing traffic, or before a level-crossing. ~~The word~~ "STOP" **inscription** may be marked on the carriageway in advance of the markings accompanying sign ~~B, 2~~ **described in Annex 1, section B, paragraph 2 (STOP).**

2. Unless this is technically impossible, the transverse marking described in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be placed on the carriageway wherever a sign ~~B, 2~~ **described in Annex 1, section B, paragraph 2 (STOP)**, is set up.

3.²¹ A transverse marking consisting of a broken line across one or more traffic lanes shall show the line which vehicles may not normally pass when giving way in compliance with the sign **described in Annex 1, section B, paragraph 1 (GIVE WAY)**~~B, 1 "GIVE WAY", referred to in Article 10, paragraph 2, of this Convention.~~ In advance of such a marking, a triangle with broad sides, having one side parallel to the marking and the opposite vertex pointing towards approaching vehicles, may be marked on the carriageway to symbolize **this** sign ~~B, 1.~~

Above delete the reference to footnote 21

4. To mark pedestrian crossings, relatively broad stripes, parallel to the axis of the carriageway shall ~~should preferably~~ be used.

Article 31

Marking Signs for of road works

Article 33

3. In accordance with Article 10, paragraph 24, of this Convention, sign ~~B, 2, "STOP"~~ **described in Annex 1, section B, paragraph 2 (STOP)**, may be set up at a level-crossing which has neither gates, half-gates nor light signals giving warning of the approach of trains; at level-crossings where this sign is displayed, drivers shall stop at the stop line or, in the absence of such a line, level with the sign and not move off again until they have ascertained that no train is approaching.

Article 35

2. At all level-crossings which have neither gates nor half-gates there shall be placed, in the immediate vicinity of the railway ~~line~~, sign ~~A, 28 as described in Annex 1, section A described in Annex 1, section A, subsection II, paragraph 28 (LEVEL-CROSSINGS)~~. If there is a light signal giving warning of the approach of trains or sign **described in Annex 1, section B, paragraph 2 (STOP)**~~B, 2, "STOP"~~, LEVEL-CROSSINGS sign ~~A, 28~~ shall be placed on the same support as the light signal or STOP sign ~~B, 2~~. Placing of LEVEL-CROSSINGS sign ~~A, 28~~ is not mandatory at:

In para above, replace "paragraph 28 (LEVEL CROSSINGS)" with "paragraph 24 (OTHER LEVEL CROSSINGS)"

(a) An intersection between a road and a railway ~~track~~ at which rail traffic proceeds very slowly and road traffic is regulated by a railway ~~man~~ **officer** making the necessary hand signals; or

(b) An intersection between a railway ~~track~~ and either an earth-track (dirt road) where traffic is very light, or a footpath.

Article 36

1. Because of the special danger presented by level-crossings, the Contracting Parties undertake:

(a) To have one of the danger warning signs ~~bearing one of the symbols A, 25; A, 26 or A, 27~~ **described in Annex 1, section A, subsection II, paragraph 25 (LEVEL-CROSSINGS WITH GATES), paragraph 26 (OTHER LEVEL-CROSSINGS) or paragraph 27 (INTERSECTION WITH A TRAMWAY LINE)** placed in advance of all level-crossings; however, no sign needs to be set up:

In para above, replace "paragraph 25 (LEVEL-CROSSINGS WITH GATES), paragraph 26 (OTHER LEVEL-CROSSINGS) or paragraph 27" with "paragraph 23 (LEVEL-CROSSINGS WITH GATES), paragraph 25 (OTHER LEVEL-CROSSINGS) or paragraph 27"

(i) In special cases which may arise in built-up areas;

(ii) On earth-tracks (dirt roads) and paths where power-driven vehicular traffic is exceptional.

Article 46

2. (a) At the time of depositing its instrument of ratification or accession, every State shall, by notification addressed to the Secretary-General, declare for the purposes of the application of this Convention:

(i) Which of the models **one or two Aa and Ab** it chooses as a danger warning sign (Article 9, ~~paragraph-1~~), and

(ii) Which of the models ~~B, 2a and B, 2b~~ it chooses as a stop sign (Art.10, para.3).

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Chapter III

TRANSVERSE MARKINGS,

In the above line, delete “;”

B. STOP LINES

32.¹⁰¹ Stop lines may be supplemented by longitudinal lines (diagrams 18 and 19). They may also be supplemented by the ~~word~~ “STOP” **inscription** ~~inscribed~~ on the carriageway as shown in the examples given in diagrams 20 and 21. The distance between the top of the letters of the ~~word~~ “STOP” **inscription** and the stop line should be between 2 m and 25 m.

European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals

3. Ad Article 1 of the Convention (Definitions)

Subparagraph (b)

~~Additional subparagraph to be inserted immediately after subparagraph (b) of this article~~

This subparagraph shall be read as follows:

~~“ ‘Residential area’ means a specially designed area where special traffic rules apply and which is signposted as such at its entries and exits.”~~

4. Ad Article 3 of the Convention (Obligations of the Contracting Parties)

Paragraph 3

This paragraph shall be read as follows:

Any sign, symbol, installation or marking which does not conform to the system prescribed in the Convention and in this Agreement shall be replaced **by a Contracting Party** within ten years from the date of entry into force of this Agreement **in its territory**. During this period, in order to familiarize road-users with the system prescribed in the Convention and in this Agreement, previous signs, symbols and inscriptions may be retained beside those prescribed in the Convention and in this Agreement.

In the above paragraph, replace “road-users” with “road users”

7. Ad article 8 of the Convention

Paragraph 3 This paragraph shall be read as follows:

During the transitional period of ten years prescribed in item 4 of this annex, ~~and thereafter in exceptional circumstances~~ to facilitate the interpretation of signs, an inscription may be added in a rectangular **an additional** panel ~~below the sign or in a rectangular panel containing the sign~~; such an inscription may also be placed on the sign itself, if this does not make the sign more difficult to understand for drivers who cannot understand the inscription.

8. Ad Article 9 of the Convention

Paragraph 1

Each State shall select ~~Aa~~ as the model **one (equilateral triangle)** for danger warning signs.

9. ~~Ad Article 10 of the Convention (Priority Signs) [deleted]~~

Paragraph 3

Each State shall select B, 2a as the model for the “STOP” sign.

Paragraph 6

~~To give advance warning of sign B, 1, the same sign supplemented by additional panel H, 1 described in Annex 1, section H to the Convention shall be used.~~

~~To give advance warning of sign B, 2a, sign B, 1, supplemented by a rectangular panel bearing the “STOP” symbol and a figure indicating the distance to the sign B, 2a, shall be used.~~

9bis-[deleted]

~~Ad Article 13 bis of the Convention (Special regulation signs)~~

Paragraph 2

This paragraph shall be read as follows:

~~“Signs E, 7a ; E, 7b or E, 7c and E, 8a ; E, 8b or E, 8c shall notify road users that the general regulations governing traffic in built up areas in the territory of the State apply from signs E, 7a ; E, 7 b or E, 7c to signs E, 8a ; E, 8b or E, 8c except insofar as different regulations may be notified by other signs on certain sections of road in the built up area. They shall bear~~

inscriptions in a dark colour on a white or light coloured ground and shall be placed respectively at the entries and exits of a built up area. However, sign B, 4 shall always be placed on a priority road marked with sign B, 3 if that road ceases to have priority where it passes through the built up area.”

10. ~~[deleted]~~

~~——— Ad Article 18 of the Convention (Place identification signs)~~

~~Place identification signs shall bear inscriptions in white or light colour on a dark coloured ground~~

13. Ad Article 31 of the Convention (Signs for Marking of road works)

17. Ad Annex 1, section A, subsection II, to the Convention

Paragraph 2 (Dangerous descent)

This paragraph shall be read as follows:

“(a) To give warning of a steep descent, symbol **Sign A, 2 a (A-02.1)** shall be used.

(b) The left hand part of symbol A, 2a shall occupy the left hand corner of the sign panel and its base shall extend over the whole width of the panel; the figure shows the gradient as a percentage.”

Paragraph 3 (Steep ascent)

This paragraph shall be read as follows:

“(a) To give warning of a steep ascent, symbol **Sign A, 3a (A-03.1)** shall be used.

(b) The right hand part of symbol A, 3a shall occupy the right hand corner of the sign panel and its base shall extend over the whole width of the panel; the figure shows the gradient as a percentage.”

Paragraph 12 (Pedestrian crossing)

This paragraph shall be read as follows:

“(a) Warning of a pedestrian crossing shall be given by symbol **Sign A, 12a shall be used.**

(b) The symbol may be reversed.”

Paragraph 18 (Intersection where the priority is prescribed by the general priority rule)

This paragraph shall be read as follows:

“Warning of an intersection where the priority is that prescribed by the general priority rule in force in the country shall be given by symbol A, 18a.”

Paragraph 20 (Intersection with a road to whose users drivers must give way)

This paragraph shall be read as follows:

“Sign B, 1 or sign B, 2a shall be used in conformity with the provisions of item 9 of this annex.”

Paragraph 22 (Intersection where traffic is regulated by a light signal)

This paragraph shall be read as follows:

“If traffic at the intersection is regulated by a light signal, a sign Aa, bearing the symbol A, 17 described in paragraph 17 above, may be set up to supplement or replace the signs described in paragraphs 18 to 21 above.”

Paragraph 26 (Other level crossings)

In the above line, replace “26” with “24”

Subparagraph (b)

This subparagraph shall be read as follows:

~~“Warning of other level crossings shall be given by symbol Sign A, 26a (A-23.2) shall be used. or by symbol A, 27 as appropriate.”~~

Paragraph 28 (Signs to be placed in the immediate vicinity of level-crossings)

~~Model Signs A, 28e a (A-25.1) and A, 28 c (A-25.3) of sign A, 28 shall be used.~~

18. Ad annex 1, section B, to the Convention

Paragraph 1 (“GIVE WAY” sign)

Sign B, 1 (B-01.0) shall bear neither symbol nor inscription.

Paragraph 2 (“STOP” sign)

This paragraph shall be read as follows:

~~“The “STOP” sign shall be sign B, 2, model B, 2a. Sign B, 2, model B, 2a shall be octagonal with a red ground, surrounded by a narrow white or light yellow border and bear the symbol “STOP” in white or light yellow; the height of the symbol shall be not less than one third of the height of the panel. The height of the normal-sized sign B, 2a shall be approximately 0.90 m; the height of the small signs shall be not less than 0.60 m.”~~

19. Ad Annex 1, section C, subsections I and II, to the Convention

Paragraph 3 of subsection I shall be read as follows:

3. Each State shall omit the red oblique bar from signs C, 3a to C, 3n and C, 4a and C, 4b (C-03.1 to C-03.14 and C-04.1 and C-04.2).

Subsection II

Paragraph 1 (Prohibition and restriction of entry)

~~Model Sign C, 1a (C-01.1) of sign C, 1 shall be used.~~

The two signs C, 3m and C, 3n reproduced in the appendix to this annex and having the following meaning may be used:

~~C, 3m “NO ENTRY FOR VEHICLES CARRYING MORE THAN A CERTAIN QUANTITY OF EXPLOSIVES OR READILY INFLAMMABLE SUBSTANCES”~~

~~C, 3n “NO ENTRY FOR VEHICLES CARRYING MORE THAN A CERTAIN QUANTITY OF SUBSTANCES LIABLE TO CAUSE WATER POLLUTION”.~~

The note at the end of subparagraph (c) shall be read as follows:

~~“Signs C, 3a to C, 3l as well as signs C, 3m and C, 3n mentioned under this item shall not incorporate an oblique red bar.”~~

Paragraph 45 (Prohibition of overtaking)

~~Models Signs variants without the red oblique bar C, 13ab and C, 13bb of the signs C, 13a and C, 13b shall not be used.~~

Paragraph 910, subparagraph (a) (ii)

~~This provision shall not be applied. Sign C, 18 (C-18.0) shall be used.~~

Paragraph 910, subparagraph (b) (iii) **Additional Provisions applying to prohibition or restriction of standing and parking**

~~This provision shall not be applied. The possibility of using sign C, 18 (C-18.0) supplemented by additional inscription, as provided in Article 8, paragraph 4 of this Convention, instead of signs C, 19; C, 20a, C, 20b, and C, 20c (C-19.0, C-20.1, C-20.2 and C-20.3) shall not be applied.~~

Paragraph 910, subparagraph (c) (v) **Additional Provisions applying to prohibition or restriction of standing and parking**

The possibility, where the prohibition applies only over a short distance, of setting up only one sign showing in a red circle the distance on which the prohibition applies, shall not be used.

20. ~~[deleted]~~

~~Ad Annex 1, section D, subsection I, to the Convention~~

~~Paragraph 2~~

~~This paragraph shall be read as follows:~~

~~“Unless provided otherwise, the signs shall be blue and the symbols shall be white or of a light colour.”~~

21 Ad Annex 1, section D, subsection II, to the Convention

Paragraph 1 (Direction to be followed)

~~Sign D, 1b shall not be used. Signs variants of rectangular shape, black ground with a white rim and a white symbol shall not be used.~~

~~Paragraph 3 (Compulsory roundabout)~~

~~[Deleted]~~

22. Ad Annex 1, section E, subsection II, to the Convention

Paragraph 34 (“ONE-WAY” sign), ~~subparagraph (a) (ii)~~

The arrow of sign E, 3b (**E-04.2**) shall bear an inscription only if the effectiveness of the sign is not impaired thereby.

Paragraph 5 (Signs notifying an entry to or an exit from a motorway)

~~**Inclusion of an a**Additional subparagraph, to be inserted immediately after subparagraph (a) of this paragraph~~

This subparagraph shall be read as follows:

“Sign E, 5a (**E-05.1**) may be used, and repeated, to give warning of the approach of a motorway. Each sign set up for this purpose shall carry either an inscription in its lower part showing the distance between the sign and the beginning of the motorway or an additional panel H, 1 (**H-01.0**) described in Annex 1, section H to the Convention.”

Paragraph 6 (Signs notifying an entry to or an exit from a road on which the traffic rules are the same as on a motorway)

~~**Inclusion of an a**Additional subparagraph to be inserted immediately after subparagraph (a) of this paragraph~~

This subparagraph shall be read as follows:

“Sign E, 6a (**E-06.1**) may be used and repeated to give warning of the approach to a road on which the traffic rules are the same as on a motorway. Each sign set up for this purpose shall carry either an inscription in its lower part showing the distance between the sign and the beginning of the road on which the traffic rules are the same as on a motorway or an additional panel H, 1 (**H-01.0**) described in Annex 1, section H to the Convention.”

Paragraph 7 (Signs indicating the beginning and the end of a built-up area)

~~This paragraph shall be read as follows:~~

~~“(a) The sign to indicate the beginning of a built up area shall bear the name of the built up area or the symbol showing the silhouette of a built up area or the two combined.~~

Signs indicating the beginning and the end of a built-up area shall bear The inscriptions or the silhouette of a built up area of shall be in a dark colour on a white or light-coloured ground and the sign shall have a dark-coloured border rim.

Signs E, 7a, E, 7b and E, 7c are examples of signs showing the beginning of a built up area.

~~(b) The sign showing the end of a built up area shall be identical except that it shall be crossed by an oblique bar coloured red or consisting of parallel lines coloured red running from the upper right edge to the lower left edge.~~

~~Signs E, 8a, E, 8b and E, 8c are examples of signs indicating the end of a built up area.~~

~~Notwithstanding the provisions of article 6, paragraph 1 of this Convention these signs may be placed on the reverse side of signs identifying a built up area.~~

~~(c) The signs covered by this section shall be used in conformity with the provisions of the Convention, article 13 bis, paragraph 2."~~

~~Paragraph 10 (Pedestrian crossing)~~

~~Sign E, 12b shall not be used.~~

~~Paragraph 12 ("PARKING" sign)~~

~~The square panel mentioned in the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall bear the letter "P" shall be used.~~

Signs E, 14c and E, 14d (E-12.3 and E-12.4) shall not be used if there is the possibility to change to more than one option for public transport.

Additional paragraph to be inserted immediately after paragraph 13

This paragraph shall be read as follows:

~~"Signs notifying an entry to or an exit from a residential area where special traffic rules apply~~

~~Sign E, 17a "RESIDENTIAL AREA" shall be placed at the point where the special rules to be observed in a residential area referred to in article 27 bis of the Convention on Road Traffic supplemented by the European Agreement begin to apply. Sign E, 17b "END OF RESIDENTIAL AREA" shall be placed at the point where those rules cease to apply."~~

23. Ad Annex 1, section F, subsection II to the Convention

Paragraph 1 ("FIRST-AID STATION" symbol)

~~Symbols F, 1b and F, 1c of a cross shall not be used.~~

Paragraph 2 (Miscellaneous symbols)

Additional text to be inserted at the end of this paragraph

~~F, 14 "RADIO STATIONS GIVING TRAFFIC INFORMATION"~~

~~*Inscription on white square:* Under the word "radio" there might be an indication of the name or the code of the radio station when necessary in abridged form and the number of the programme. The word "Radio" may be repeated also in the national language.~~

~~*Inscription on blue ground:* Indication of the frequency and, if necessary, the wavelength of the local radio station.~~

~~It is left to the discretion of the countries to add in the case of VHF stations the indication "MHz" or the regional code, and in the case of medium frequency or long frequency stations the indication "kc/s"~~

~~The wavelength may be given in figures with the letter m (e.g. 1500m).~~

~~F, 15 PUBLIC LAVATORY~~

~~F, 16 BEACH OR SWIMMING POOL~~

24. [deleted]

~~— Ad Annex 1, section G, subsection II, to the Convention~~

~~Paragraph 2 (Special cases), subparagraph (a)~~

~~The red bar of signs G, 2a and G, 2b shall be surrounded by a white rim.~~

25. Ad Annex 1, section G, subsection III to the Convention

Paragraph 1.2

Signs ~~G,5c and G,5f~~ 4e shall not be used.

Paragraph 2

Sign ~~G, 6c~~ shall not be used.

25bis Ad Annex 1, section G, subsection II to the Convention

Paragraph 4 (place identification signs)

Place identification signs shall bear inscriptions in white or light colour on a dark-coloured ground

~~26. — Ad Annex 1, section G, subsection V, to the Convention [deleted]~~

Paragraph 3 (“NO THROUGH ROAD” sign)

The red bar of sign ~~G, 13~~ shall be surrounded by a white rim.

~~27. [deleted]~~

Ad Annex 1, section H, to the Convention

Additional paragraph to be inserted immediately after paragraph 1

This paragraph shall be read as follows:

“The ground of additional panels should be preferably the same as the ground of the particular Groups of signs with which they are used.”

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Replace the words “Additional sign No.1” and “Additional sign No.2” by: “C, 3m” and “C,3n” respectively.

Insert new signs: E, 17a ; E, 17b ; F, 14; F, 15 and F, 16, which are reproduced at the end of this document.

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Annex

7. Ad Annex 8 to the Convention (Road markings) Chapter III (Transverse markings)

B. Stop lines

Paragraph 32.

This paragraph shall read as follows:

“Stop lines may be supplemented by longitudinal lines (diagram A-31). They may also be supplemented by the ~~word~~ **“STOP” inscription** ~~inscribed~~ on the carriageway
