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**REVISION OF THE CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTIONS ON  
ROAD TRAFFIC AND ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS**

**Roadside checks**

**Transmitted by Switzerland**

1. During its thirty-eighth session (March 2002) the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) decided to create a small group made up of France, Norway, Switzerland, European Commission, International Road Safety Organization (PRI) and International Road Transport Union (IRU) with the following mandate:

- To study the recommendations of the Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in Tunnels, also taking into account measures contained in the declaration adopted in Zurich in November 2001 by the Ministers of Transport of Alpine countries;
- To identify those measures falling within the competence of WP.1;
- To propose solutions for incorporating them to the extent possible either in the Vienna Conventions, or the European Agreements, or the Consolidated Resolutions R.E.1 and R.E.2.

2. The small group carried out this task in June 2002 and presented a number of proposals, one of which concerned unannounced roadside checks (see document TRANS/WP.1/2002/28, p. 2 and document TRANS/AC.7/9/Corr.1, p. 24, measure 1.04). The small group proposed the incorporation of this measure in **R.E.1** in the form of a special chapter devoted to roadside checks.

3. At its thirty-ninth session (September 2002), WP.1 endorsed all the proposals made by the small group (the German delegation, while congratulating the group on the quality of its work, expressed some hesitations as to the follow-up proposed for certain of the recommendations made).

4. During its fortieth and forty-first sessions (November 2002, April 2003), WP.1 gave priority to proposals for measures to be incorporated in the Vienna Conventions.

5. This work having been completed, it is now time to tackle without delay those proposals to be incorporated into the Consolidated Resolutions, notably the proposal concerning roadside checks. It is not a question of drawing up a legally binding regulation but simply of developing recommendations of a general nature on measures to improve the efficiency of roadside checks, the importance of which are universally recognized.

In so doing, WP.1 is not starting from nothing because several resolutions on this subject already exist, in particular those of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport, which can be found in the following resolutions/recommendations:

Resolution No. 48 on means to adapt human behaviour to improve road safety  
CM (86)16;

Resolution No. 93/4 on the safety of heavy vehicles in road traffic;

Resolution No. 93/5 on the role of alcohol in road traffic accidents;

Recommendations/conclusions on speed checks CM (96)1/FINAL.

6. At its July 2003 session, WP.1 supported this proposal and decided to establish a small group for this purpose, chaired by Switzerland, and made up of France, the secretariat and possibly PRI. Its mandate would be to draft a special chapter of R.E.1 on roadside checks on the basis of the relevant aspects of the above-mentioned texts.

The group was requested to report in spring 2004 on the state of progress of its work which should be finalized early in 2005 so that WP.1 would be able to adopt the new chapter in the spring or at latest the autumn of 2005.

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