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Proposal of Amendment

to Article 1 and new Article 34 BIS of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic

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[The Proposal of Amendment has not been accepted by the United Kingdom]

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**PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 1 AND NEW ARTICLE
34 BIS OF THE 1968 CONVENTION ON ROAD TRAFFIC**

Amendment of Article 1:

Two new definitions “ab” and “ac” are added, to read:

ARTICLE 1

Definitions

- (ab) “Automated driving system” refers to a vehicle system that uses both hardware and software to exercise dynamic control of a vehicle on a sustained basis.

- (ac) “Dynamic control” refers to carrying out all the real-time operational and tactical functions required to move the vehicle. This includes controlling the vehicle’s lateral and longitudinal motion, monitoring the road, responding to events in the road traffic, and planning and signalling for manoeuvres.

Insertion of new Article 34 bis:

A new article “Article 34 bis” is added, to read:

ARTICLE 34 bis

Automated driving

The requirement that every moving vehicle or combination of vehicles shall have a driver is deemed to be satisfied while the vehicle is using an automated driving system which complies with:

- (a) domestic technical regulations, and any applicable international legal instrument, concerning wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles, and

- (b) domestic legislation governing operation.

The effect of this Article is limited to the territory of the Contracting Party where the relevant domestic technical regulations and legislation governing operation apply.

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