

MINIMUM TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF ROADS TO BE USED BY TRANSIT TRAFFIC

The common (or fully harmonized) technical characteristics of roads to be used by transit traffic are necessary for the smooth flow of traffic on the International routes throughout the territories of Contracting Parties and to ensure the safety of traffic and comfort of crews and passengers. For this purpose the following provisions are made in this Annex.

Article 1

1. The Contracting Parties for the purpose of this Annex will apply the provisions of the Annex-II and III to the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR, 1975) bearing in mind the Amendments to them which entered into force on 24 June, 1989. The titles of these Annexes are as follows:

- Conditions to which the Main International Traffic Arteries should conform (Annex-II, ECE/TRANS/16/Amend.2);
- Identification and signing of E-Roads (Annex-III, ECE/TRANS/16/Amend.2).

2. The countries which have not joined the above agreement may consider the possibility of joining or shall apply in respect to the roads prescribed for international transit transportations the technical requirements which are similar to or not contrary to those mentioned in the AGR (1975) and the above mentioned Annexes to the said Agreement.

Article 2

During the construction of new international traffic arteries and the modernization of the existing network, the relevant authorities of Contracting Parties will ensure to create such conditions which would comply with the interests of carriers concerning the sizes, axle load and total weight of motor vehicles as envisaged in the Articles 4 and 5 of the Annex-IV (Technical Requirements of Road Vehicles) to the TTFA of 1998.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties may agree upon other technical characteristics of roads through the Transit Transport Coordination Council (TTCC) to facilitate the smooth traffic of motor vehicles on the international routes across their territories.