

**Jordan National Workshop
On the Vienna Conventions of 1968**

The Agreement on International Roads in the Arab Mashreq and the 1968 RSS Convention



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The Agreement on International Roads in the Arab Mashreq



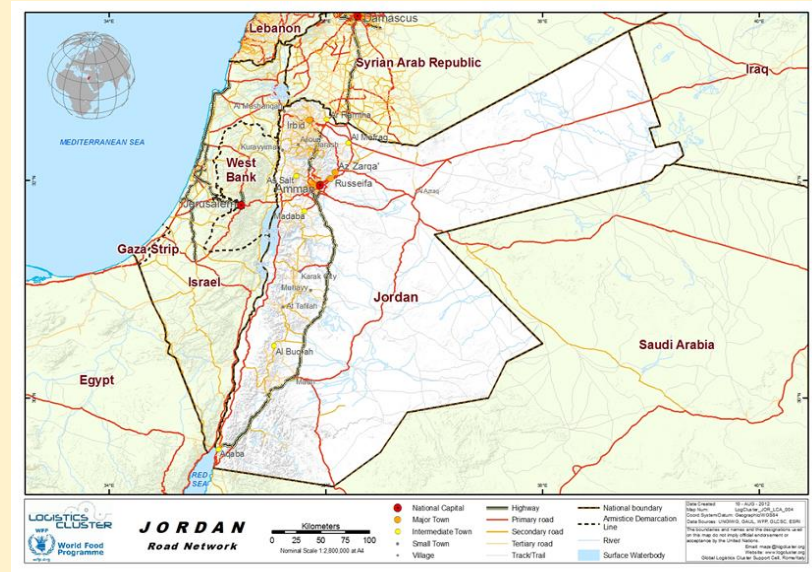
- **Adopted by ESCWA in 2001, entered into force in 2003, ratified by all 13 Arab countries concerned, incl. Jordan**
- **The Agreement identifies:**
 - **The Arab Mashreq International Road Network, to be given priority (Annex I);**
 - **The technical specifications to which such roads must be built or upgraded (Annex II); and**
 - **The technical specifications to which road signs and signals must comply (Annex III)**

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Annex I to the Agreement

- Identifies international roads (about 31000 km)
- Mostly implemented, although some roads are in need of upgrading
- Includes Jordan international roads M35, M40, M45, M47, M50 and M55



Annex II to the Agreement

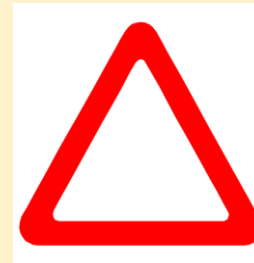
- **Technical specifications for road infrastructure, including:**
 - Classification of roads
 - Minimum number of lanes
 - Design speed
 - Horizontal alignment
 - Vertical alignment, etc.
- **Similar to those of the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)**

Annex III to the Agreement

Technical specifications for road signs and signals

- Annex III to the Arab Mashreq Agreement stipulates that traffic signs and signals, and pavement markings, must be designed and produced **in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals**

- Example: Warning sign



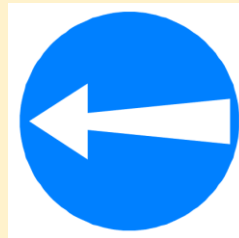
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Other signs and signals of the Vienna Convention

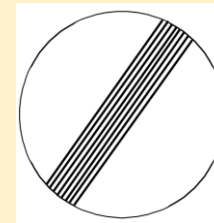
- Regulatory sign STOP:



- Mandatory sign:



- End of prohibition or restriction sign:



Conclusions

- **ESCWA countries committed themselves to adopt signs and signals of the Vienna Convention in their main roads**
- **Jordan could go a small step further and adhere to and fully implement the Convention**
- **This would give a signal of modernity of the country to other ESCWA countries**





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