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APPLICATION OF SUMMER TIME

Addendum 2

Transmitted by the Governments of Belgium, France,
Luxembourg and Switzerland

The Working Party at its fifty-second session requested Governments and the European Union to provide the secretariat with information on summer time arrangements in the following areas:

Please note that the distribution of documentation for the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) is no longer "restricted". Accordingly, the secretariat has adopted a new numbering system whereby all working documents will be numbered as follows: TRANS/SC.2/year/serial number. Reports, agendas, resolutions and major publications will continue to follow the previous numbering system (e.g. TRANS/SC.2/189).

- (a) Application of summer time for the year 1999;
- (b) The hour at which the transition occurs (local time) at the beginning and the end of the application of summer time;
- (c) Medium-term period (number of years) for which the dates of the summer time period might be standardized.

The information received from the above-mentioned Governments is reproduced below.

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BELGIUM

Belgium complies with the European directives.

FRANCE

- (a) The eighth directive 97/44/EC of the European Parliament and Council of 22 July 1997 laid down for the member States of the European Union the arrangements applicable for 1999. Summer time began on 28 March and will end on 31 October.
- (b) Summer time begins at 1 a.m. universal time and ends at 1 a.m. universal time.
- (c) The eighth directive 97/44/EC, referred to in (a) also establishes summer time for 2000 and 2001.

2000	beginning of summer time:	26 March
	end of summer time:	29 October

2001	beginning of summer time:	25 March
	end of summer time:	28 October

LUXEMBOURG

The application of summer time is regulated by the standard European legal provisions.

SWITZERLAND

- (a) and (b)

This year summer time began on 28 March (clocks were put forward from 2 a.m. local time to 3 a.m.). The end of summer time has been set for 31 October 1999.

- (c) In the year 2000 summer time will begin on 26 March and end on 29 October. In the year 2001 these dates will be 25 March and 28 October, respectively.
