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Communication dated 18 March 1968 from the Permanent Representative
of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to paragraph 2 of the Note by the Secretary-General (E/4450) relating to the provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session of the Economic and Social Council, has the honour to inform the Secretary-General that in view of the draft rules of procedure for the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Road Traffic (E/CONF.56/6, 30 November 1967) which provides that Chinese shall be one of the official languages of the Conference and that Chinese interpreters shall be provided, and in order not to overburden the agenda of the Council, the Chinese Government will not insist on having documents made available in Chinese during the Conference, as requested by the Permanent Representative in his note of 9 November 1967, which was reproduced in document E/4439.

The Chinese Government wishes however to reserve its right to request that important documents, such as resolutions, conventions and final act, which may be adopted by the Conference, be made available in Chinese after the Conference.

The Permanent Representative deems it necessary to point out that it has been the usual practice of the United Nations to have five official languages and three working languages. Interpretation service and important documentation should as a rule be provided during the conference for all the official languages. The draft rules of procedure for the United Nations Conference on Road Traffic should therefore not constitute a precedent.

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