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Addendum to Note by the Secretary-General

Results of the United Nations Conference on Road and Motor Transport: Decision of the Economic and Social Council at its tenth session

Part I of document E/CN.2/76 contained the text of a draft resolution submitted by the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council for consideration at its tenth session (document E/1559), endorsing two recommendations by the United Nations Conference on Road and Motor Transport for action by the Council and the Transport and Communications Commission. The Economic and Social Council on 8 February 1958 unanimously adopted this draft resolution (resolution 272 (X) - document E/1609) after some discussion of its financial implications. (See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 347th Meeting).

The Transport and Communications Commission is therefore entrusted with the tasks of (1) reviewing periodically the progress of the work relating to international road transport undertaken under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and similar bodies and any other developments concerning international road transport and, on the basis of these reviews, advising the Council on what further international action is desirable whether by a Conference or otherwise; (2) reviewing, with the assistance of such experts as may be needed, the problem of the establishment of a common world-wide system of road signs and signals and of advising the Council on the further steps which should be taken subsequently to reach such a world-wide agreement on a uniform system.

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As regards the first of these two tasks, information is provided in document E/CN.2/76 and E/CN.2/76/Add.2 to assist the Commission at its fourth session in making the periodic review requested by the Council.

In considering the implementation of the second part of resolution 272 (X) the Commission may wish to take note of the fact that the Council in adopting the resolution had before it a statement by the Secretary-General and a further oral explanation by the Director of the Transport and Communications Division of the financial implications of this decision based upon a suggestion that the Commission be assisted in the task by a number of experts not exceeding seven who should meet once in 1950 for not more than one month and if necessary once or twice in 1951 (document E/1559/Add.1 and Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 347th meeting).
