



**Economic and Social  
Council**

Distr.  
GENERAL

TRANS/SC.1/2000/1  
7 February 2000

Original: ENGLISH

---

**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE  
Working Party on Road Transport  
(Ninety-fourth session, 14-16 November 2000,  
agenda item 3 (a))

**PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX I TO THE AGR**

Transmitted by the Government of Finland

In a letter dated 18 January 2000, the Finnish Government transmitted the following amendment proposal:

A. Main roads

(1) West-east orientation

(b) Intermediate roads

**Road E 8** - Extension from Tornio to Turku

New overall reference: E 8 Tromsø - Nordkjosbotn - Skibotn - Kilpisjärvi -  
Tornio - Oulu - Vaasa - Turku

**Road E 4** - Delete section between Tornio and Kemi to avoid double  
numbering with E 8.

New overall reference: E 4 Helsingborg - Jönköping - Norrköping -  
Södertälje - Stockholm - Sundsvall - Umeå - Luleå -  
Haparanda - Tornio

### Justification

The proposed extension of the E 8 is partly motorway but mainly all-purpose, two-lane ordinary road. The road connection from Oulu to Turku is one of the most important main roads in Finland (national road number 8) and it is also proposed to be included in the TEN road network. Situated on the coast there are several seaports and connections to Europe. From Turku and Naantali there are good and numerous ferry connections to Sweden all year round. The extension of the E 8 is thus very important for international traffic.

A schematic map of the proposed amendment (not drawn to scale) appears on page 3 of the present document.

