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## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

**Subject: Petition No 2089/2013 by Thomas Quade (German) on on standard road signs for European motorways**

### 1. Summary of petition

The petitioner calls on the European Parliament to ensure the introduction, within three years, of uniform road signs on all EU motorways with white lettering on a green background, arguing that this would greatly enhance safety standards.

### 2. Admissibility

Declared admissible on 8 August 2014. Information requested from Commission under Rule 216(6).

### 3. Commission reply, received on 30 January 2015

#### The Commission's observations

There is no EU legislation regarding road signs. However, many EU Member States, including Germany are Contracting Parties to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals that was prepared by the United Nations Conference on Road Traffic, and is overseen by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). UNECE has created an Expert Group on Road Signs and Signals, which is currently in the process of collecting and analysing information regarding road signs by country with a view to recommending future actions which might include the amendment of the Convention.

The Commission would suggest that the petitioner contacts the national authorities in

Germany to explore if his ideas could be taken into account in the context of the ongoing work of the relevant UNECE Expert Group.