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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE
HARMONIZATION OF FRONTIER CONTROLS OF GOODS, 1982
("Harmonization Convention")**

Preparation of a new Annex on efficient border crossing procedures

**Transmitted by the International Road Transport Union (IRU) and
Transfrigoroute International**

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Proposal
by the IRU and Transfrigoroute International
for the wording of three articles of draft Annex 8 to the
International Convention on the Harmonisation of
Frontier Controls of Goods

Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall encourage their competent authorities to facilitate the issue of visas to professional drivers involved in international road transport operations. They shall simplify procedures, for instance by reducing the amount of supporting evidence, the cost and delay for issuing visas based on actual needs and by issuing multiple-entry visas without prejudice to national immigration laws.

Article 4, paragraph 1

In case a road vehicle whose country of registration is a Contracting Party to the 1997 Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of such Inspections should present itself at the border of another Contracting Party country to that Agreement, border-crossing should be facilitated, in particular upon submission of the International Technical Inspection Certificate described in Appendix 1 to this Annex.

Article 5, paragraph 1

Unless the weighing of all road vehicles is compulsory at the border, the Contracting Parties shall agree, in order to accelerate border-crossing procedures, to reciprocally recognise the International Weighing Certificate as described in Appendix 2 to Annex 8 to the Convention. In this case, the vehicle shall only be weighed in the country where the international transport operation originated. The checked weight shall be duly mentioned and certified in the International Weighing Certificate. Except for random checks and checks performed for suspected irregularities, the vehicles shall not be subject to any further weighing.

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3/ The remainder unchanged.
