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Agreement concerning the Establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles

Geneva, 25 June 1998

Entry into force: 25 August 2000, in accordance with article 11 which reads as follows: "11.1 This Agreement and its Annexes, which constitute integral parts of the Agreement, shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30) day following the date on which a minimum of five (5) countries and/or regional economic integration organizations have become Contracting Parties pursuant to Article 9. This minimum of five (5) must include the European Community, Japan, and the United States. 11.2. If, however, paragraph 11.1 of this Article is not satisfied fifteen (15) months after the date specified in paragraph 10.1[i.e. 25 June 1998], then this Agreement and its Annexes, which constitute integral parts of the Agreement, shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30) day following the date on which a minimum of eight (8) countries and/or regional economic integration organizations have become Contracting Parties pursuant to Article 9. Such date of entry into force shall not be earlier than sixteen (16) months after the date specified in paragraph 10.1. At least one (1) of these eight (8) must be either the European Community, Japan or the United States of America. 11.3 for any country or regional economic integration organization that becomes a Contacting Party to the Agreement after its entry into force, this Agreement shall enter into force sixty (6) days after the date that such country or regional economic integration organization deposits its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accesion.".

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Note: The Agreement, of which the English, French and Russian texts are equally authentic, was adopted by the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commisssion for Europe of the United Nations at its one-hundred-and fifteenth Session, held from 23 to 26 June 1998. In accordance with its article 10, the Agreement will be open for signature from 25 June 1998 until its entry into force.

Participant	Signature	Definitive signature (s), Ratification, Acceptance (A), Approval (AA), Accession (a)
Australia		8 Apr 2008 a
Azerbaijan		15 Apr 2002 a
Canada		22 Jun 1999 s
China		10 Oct 2000 A
Cyprus		12 Apr 2005 a
European Community	18 Oct 1999	15 Feb 2000 AA
Finland		8 Jun 2001 a
France	22 Sep 1999	4 Jan 2000 AA
Germany		11 May 2000 s
Hungary		22 Jun 2001 a
India		21 Feb 2006 a
Italy		1 Dec 2000 a
Japan		3 Aug 1999 A
Kazakhstan		28 Jun 2011 a
Lithuania		26 May 2006 a

Luxembourg		16 Sep 2005 a
Malaysia		3 Feb 2006 a
Moldova		16 Jan 2007 a
Netherlands		4 Jan 2002 a
New Zealand		27 Nov 2001 a
Norway		30 Sep 2004 a
Republic of Korea		2 Nov 2000 a
Romania		25 Apr 2002 a
Russian Federation		26 Jul 2000 s
Slovakia		7 Nov 2001 a
Slovenia		8 May 2014 a
South Africa	14 Jun 2000	18 Apr 2001
Spain	24 Aug 2000	23 Apr 2002
Sweden		3 Dec 2002 a
Tajikistan		28 Dec 2011 a
Tunisia		2 Nov 2007 a
Turkey		3 Jul 2001 a
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		10 Jan 2000 s
United States of America	25 Jun 1998	26 Jul 1999 A

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