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Lebanon adheres to a UNECE Transport Convention

On 22 March 2006, Lebanon deposited with the UN Secretary-General an instrument of accession to the UNECE Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR). This brings the total number of States Parties to this Convention to 47.

On the same date, Lebanon also deposited an instrument of accession to the Protocol to the CMR Convention, thus bringing the total number of States Parties to this Protocol to 32.

In accordance with their respective provisions, both legal instruments will enter into force for Lebanon on 20 June 2006.

The CMR Convention fixes the conditions for the contract for the carriage of goods by road between the forwarder and the carrier. In particular, it provides for the use of the consignment note and establishes the conditions for liability, for example in the case of loss of the goods or delays.

In the framework of the UNECE Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1), Governments are currently negotiating an additional Protocol to the CMR, which would allow in international road transport the use of electronic consignment notes.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the CMR, which was signed in Geneva on 19 May 1956 and entered into force on 2 July 1961. An international conference is being organized in Deauville, France, on 18 and 19 May 2006 to mark the anniversary.

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