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PROTOCOL ON COMBINED TRANSPORT ON INLAND WATERWAYS TO  
THE EUROPEAN PROTOCOL ON IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL  
COMBINED TRANSPORT LINES AND RELATED INSTALLATIONS (AGTC)  
OF 1991

GENEVA, 17 JANUARY 1997

PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES I AND II

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

On 10 March 2016, the Secretary-General was informed that, at its fifty-eight session held in Geneva on 30 November and 1 December 2015, the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, adopted in accordance with article 14 of the above Protocol, a proposal of amendments to Annexes I and II of the Protocol, as indicated in the report of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (document ECE/TRANS/WP.24/137).

The report of the session (document ECE/TRANS/WP.24/137) can be accessed on the website of the Transport Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe at the following address: <http://www.unece.org/trans/wp24/wp24-reports/24reps.html> .

The texts of the proposed amendments in English, French and Russian (documents ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2015/7 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/3-ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2015/WP.24/2015/12) can be accessed on the website of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe at the following addresses:

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2015/wp24/ECE-TRANS-WP.24-2015-07e.pdf>  
(English)

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2015/wp24/ECE-TRANS-WP.24-2015-07f.pdf>  
(French)

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2015/wp24/ECE-TRANS-WP.24-2015-07r.pdf>  
(Russian)

and:

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<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2015/wp24/ECE-TRANS-SC3-2015-03-ECE-TRANS-WP24-2015-12e.pdf> (English)

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2015/wp24/ECE-TRANS-SC3-2015-03-ECE-TRANS-WP24-2015-12f.pdf> (French)

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2015/wp24/ECE-TRANS-SC3-2015-03-ECE-TRANS-WP24-2015-12r.pdf> (Russian)

The Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to paragraphs 1 to 6 of article 14 of the above Protocol, which read as follows:

“1. Annexes I and II to this Protocol may be amended in accordance with the procedure laid down in this article.

2. At the request of a Contracting Party, any amendment proposed by it to Annexes I and II shall be considered by the Working Party on Combined Transport of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

3. If the amendment is adopted by the majority of the Contracting Parties present and voting, the proposed amendment shall be communicated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Contracting Parties directly concerned for acceptance. For the purpose of this article, a Contracting Party shall be considered directly concerned if, in the case of inclusion of a new inland waterway section or a terminal or in case of their respective modification, its territory is crossed by that inland waterway section or is directly linked to the terminal, or if the considered terminal is situated on the said territory.

4. Any proposed amendment communicated in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article shall be deemed accepted if, within a period of six months following the date of its communication by the depositary, none of the Contracting Parties directly concerned has notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations of its objection to the proposed amendment.

5. Any amendment thus accepted shall be communicated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to all Contracting Parties and shall enter into force three months after the date of its communication by the depositary.

6. If an objection to the proposed amendment has been notified in accordance with paragraph 4 of this article, the amendment shall be deemed not to have been accepted and shall have no effect whatsoever.”

In accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of article 14, the proposed amendments to Annexes I and II shall be considered as having been accepted if, within a period of six months following the date of this notification, no objection has been received by the Secretary-General from a Contracting Party directly concerned. Any amendment thus accepted shall enter into force three months after the date of its communication by the depositary, in accordance with paragraph 5 of article 14.

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