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**Strategic Questions of a Horizontal and
Cross-Sectoral Policy or Regulatory Nature:
Status of Accession to International United Nations
Inland Transport Conventions and Agreements****Status of accession to international United Nations inland
transport conventions and agreements****Note by the secretariat****Summary*

This document presents the status of accessions by ECE and non-ECE member States to the United Nations transport agreements and conventions administered by ECE.

On 8 December 2022, the total number of contracting parties to the 59 United Nations legal instruments in the field of transport administered by ECE was 1,820, with seven new contracting parties to eight legal instruments.

The Committee may wish to **invite countries**, which have not yet done so, to accede to the United Nations conventions and other legal instruments in inland transport administered by the Committee and its subsidiary bodies.

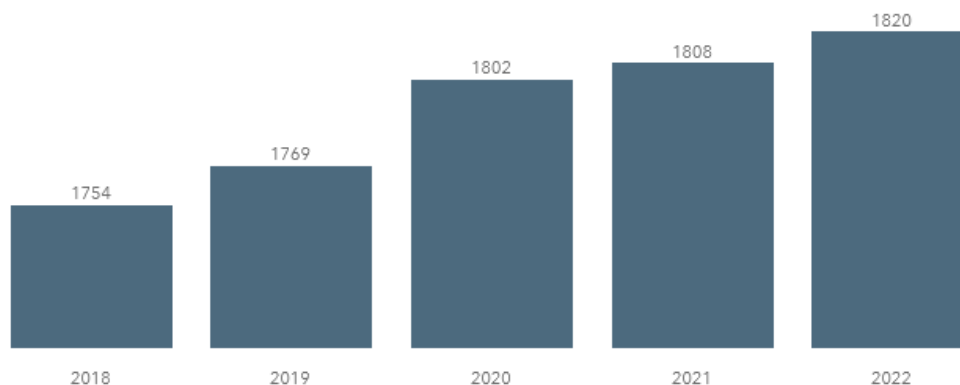
I. Overview

1. Figure I below shows the growth of the total number of contracting parties to legal instruments on inland transport concluded under the purview of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC). On 8 December 2022, the total number of contracting parties to the 59 United Nations legal instruments in the field of transport administered by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) was 1,820, with seven new contracting parties to eight legal instruments (see annex for details). Out of these 59 legal instruments, ten have not yet entered into force. The summary tables on the status of signatures, ratifications and accessions for all legal instruments are available at www.unece.org/trans/conventn/intro.html.

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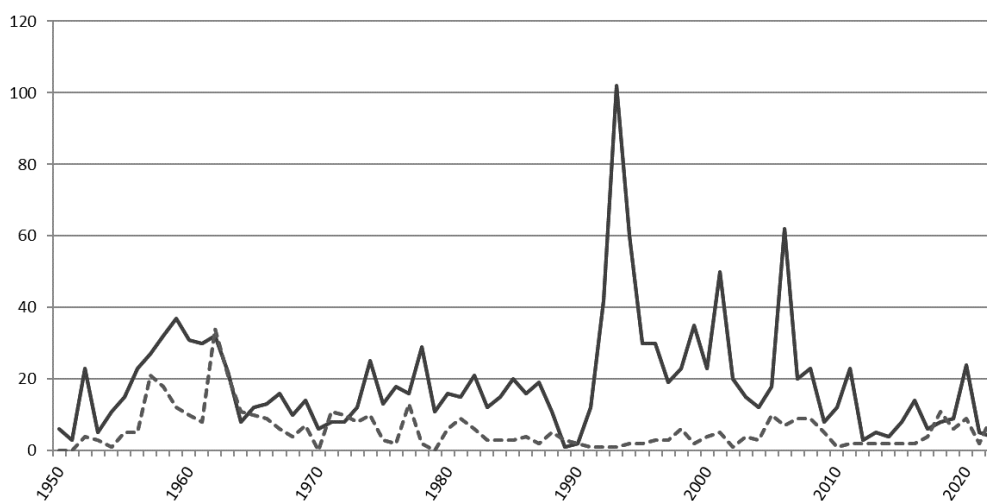
Figure I
Annual Growth of Contracting Parties to Legal Instruments on inland transport under the purview of the ITC



Source: ECE

2. Figure II below illustrates the evolution of accessions by ECE and non-ECE member States since 1950.

Figure II
Accession of ECE and non-ECE Contracting Parties (1950–2022)



Legend: Solid line: ECE member States - Dotted line: non-ECE member States

Source: ECE

3. Of the 193 United Nations Member States, 151 States (78 per cent) are contracting parties to at least one legal instrument on inland transport, in addition to two Permanent Observers to the United Nations and one non-State contracting party. Almost fifteen per cent of the United Nations Member States are contracting parties to at least 30 legal instruments.

II. Geographical Distribution of Contracting Parties

4. The total number of contracting parties to the 59 transport conventions is 1,820 (as of 8 December 2022). Of these, 1,393 are ECE member States and 427 are non-ECE member States.

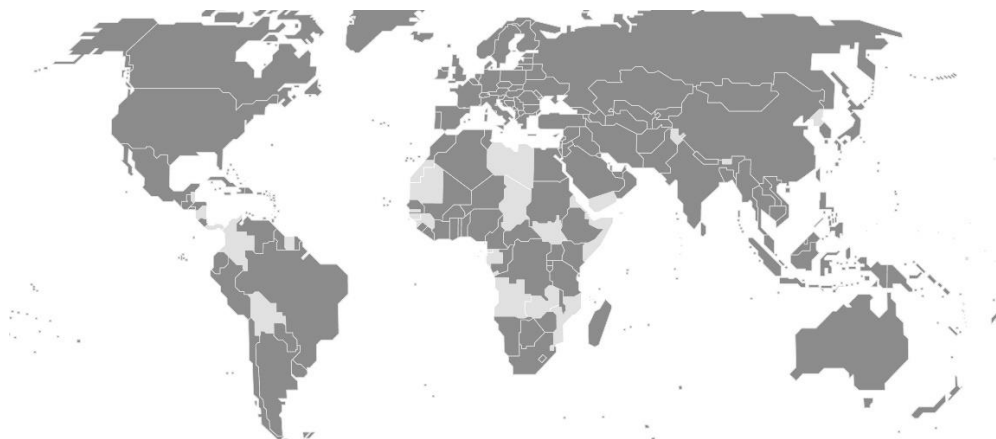
5. Of the 151 United Nations member States that are contracting parties, 95 (63 per cent) are non-ECE member States.

6. Out of the 59 legal instruments under the purview of ITC, 49 are in force. Non-ECE member States are contracting parties to 32 transport conventions, representing 30 per cent of the total number of contracting parties to these conventions. This also means that about 60

per cent of United Nations transport conventions serviced by ECE and in force, have a geographical coverage beyond the territory of ECE. On average, each ECE member State is party to 25 legal instruments, while each non-ECE member State is party to 4.4 legal instruments.

Figure III

ECE and non-ECE Contracting Parties to at least one United Nations Transport Convention



Legend: Dark grey: contracting parties - Light grey: non-contracting parties

Source: ECE

7. The European Union is currently the only non-State contracting party to United Nations legal instruments under the purview of the Committee. It is party to seven legal instruments.

8. Forty-two United Nations Member States are not contracting parties to any legal instruments on inland transport concluded under the purview of ITC: Angola, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Chad, Colombia, Comoros, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kiribati, Libya, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mozambique, Nauru, Nicaragua, Palau, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia, South Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Yemen and Zambia.

9. The Committee may wish to consider this information and provide guidance on ways to increase the number of new accessions to the legal instruments under its purview.

Annex**Accessions registered from 1 January - 8 December 2022**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Contracting party</i>	<i>Convention</i>
03.11.2022	Philippines	Agreement concerning the Adoption of Harmonized Technical United Nations Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be Fitted and/or be Used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of these United Nations Regulations, of 20 March 1958
26.08.2022	Kyrgyzstan	Additional Protocol to the CMR concerning the electronic consignment note (e-CMR)
23.08.2022	Uganda	Convention on Road Traffic, of 8 November 1968
23.08.2022	Uganda	Convention on Road Signs and Signals, of 8 November 1968
23.08.2022	Uganda	Agreement concerning the Adoption of Harmonized Technical United Nations Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be Fitted and/or be Used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of these United Nations Regulations, of 20 March 1958
23.08.2022	Uganda	Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of Such Inspections, of 13 November 1997
23.08.2022	Uganda	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, of 25 June 1998
23.08.2022	Uganda	Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), of 30 September 1957
13.07.2022	Benin	Convention on Road Traffic, of 8 November 1968
13.07.2022	Benin	Convention on Road Signs and Signals, of 8 November 1968
12.04.2022	Armenia	Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), of 30 September 1957
31.03.2022	Saudi Arabia	Convention on Road Signs and Signals, of 8 November 1968
25.01.2022	Armenia	Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP), of 1 September 1970
05.01.2022	Germany	Additional Protocol to the CMR concerning the electronic consignment note (e-CMR)