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REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE HARMONIZATION OF FRONTIER CONTROLS OF GOODS, 1982 ON ITS EIGHTH SESSION (6 and 7 October 2005)

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<u>Annex</u>: Contracting Parties to the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (21 October 1982)

REPORT

ATTENDANCE

- 1. The Administrative Committee held its eighth session in Geneva on 6 and 7 October 2005.
- 2. The session was attended by representatives of the following Contracting Parties: Austria; Belgium; Bulgaria; Czech Republic; Denmark; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Italy; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Netherlands; Poland; Romania; Russian Federation; Slovakia; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; United Kingdom and European Community (EC).
- 3. The following non-governmental organizations attended as observers: The International Road Transport Union (IRU) and Transfrigoroute International.
- 4. The Administrative Committee noted that the required quorum according to Annex 7, Article 6 of the Convention has been attained.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mandate and background: TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/15, item 1.

Documentation: TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/15.

5. The Administrative Committee adopted the agenda contained in document TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/15 as prepared by the UNECE secretariat.

STATUS OF THE CONVENTION

Mandate and background: TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/15, item 2.

Documentation: TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/15.

- 6. The Administrative Committee took note that the Convention has forty-seven Contracting Parties. A list of Contracting Parties to the Convention is contained in the <u>annex</u> to this report. Contracting Parties may wish to verify this list.
- 7. Detailed information on the status of the Convention is available on the UNECE Transport Division web site: http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/legalinst.html customs.

PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS OF THE CONVENTION

Mandate and background: TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/15, item 3.

8. The Administrative Committee considered and adopted the proposal for a new Annex 8 to the Convention on efficient border crossing procedures for road transport as contained in document TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/2005/1. The Committee requested the secretariat to verify the alignment of the various language versions as well as the formatting before sending the text to the UN Treaty Section. The Administrative Committee took note of the requirement according to Article 22, para. 3 of the Convention concerning adoptions and amendments to the Convention, meaning that the proposal will come into force with respect to all Contracting Parties three months after the expiry of a period of twelve months following the date of communication by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the proposed amendment during which period no objection to the proposed amendment has been communicated to the Secretary-General by a State which is a Contracting Party. In practice, this means that the amendment will come into force around March 2007 unless any objections are launched.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mandate and background: TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/15, item 4.

(a) <u>Date of next session</u>

9. The Administrative Committee decided not to fix a date for its next session.

(b) Restriction on the distribution of documents

10. The Administrative Committee decided that no documents should be restricted.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

Mandate and background: TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/15, item 5.

11. In accordance with Annex 7, Article 8 of the Convention, the Administrative Committee adopted the report of its eighth session.

Annex

Contracting Parties

to the

International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods

(21 October 1982)

Albania Latvia Armenia Lesotho Austria Liberia Azerbaijan Lithuania Belarus Luxembourg Belgium Netherlands Bosnia and Herzegovina Norway Bulgaria Poland Croatia Portugal Cuba Romania

Cyprus Russian Federation
Czech Republic Serbia and Montenegro

Denmark Slovakia
Estonia Slovenia
Finland South Africa

France Spain
Georgia Sweden
Germany Switzerland

Greece The former Yugoslav Republic of

Hungary Macedonia Ireland Ukraine

ItalyUnited KingdomKazakhstanUzbekistan

Kyrgyzstan

European Community

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