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International Convention on the Harmonization
of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982
(6 and 7 October 2005)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTH SESSION OF
THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ***

**to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 17.00 hours on Thursday, 6 October 2005 ****

* The UNECE Transport Division has submitted the present document after the official documentation deadline due to planning oversight.

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

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

In accordance with Annex 7, Article 4 of the Convention and in line with the decision taken at the seventh session of the Administrative Committee for the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982 (AC.3) (TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/14), the Executive Secretary of the UNECE is convening this eighth session of the Administrative Committee in conjunction with the one-hundred-and-eleventh session of the UNECE Working Party (WP.30).

The UNECE Working Party (WP.30) will hold its one hundred-and-eleventh session from 4 to 7 October 2005, starting at 10.00 hours on Tuesday, 4 October 2005 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. Representatives of all Contracting Parties to the Convention are strongly recommended to participate also in this session of the Working Party. The agenda as well as other relevant documents for the session of the Working Party may be obtained directly from the UNECE secretariat or downloaded from the relevant UNECE Transport Division web site (see page 1).

QUORUM

In accordance with Annex 7, Article 6 of the Convention, “a quorum consisting of not less than one third of the States which are Contracting Parties is required for the purposes of taking decisions.” As of 1 July 2005, the number of Contracting Parties to the Convention is 46.

TEXT OF THE CONVENTION

The complete text of the Convention is contained in document ECE/TRANS/55 (English, French and Russian) and may be obtained from the UNECE secretariat. It may also be accessed and downloaded from the relevant page of the UNECE Transport Division web site <http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/legalinst.html#customs>.

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1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

The Administrative Committee may wish to consider and adopt the agenda of its present session as prepared by the UNECE secretariat.

The reports of the first to seventh sessions of the Administrative Committee, held since 1987, are contained in the following documents: TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/2; TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/4; TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/6; TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/8; TRANS/WP30/AC.3/10; TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/12 and TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/14.

2. STATUS OF THE CONVENTION

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

The Administrative Committee will be informed of the situation concerning the scope and the number of Contracting Parties to the Convention. A list of Contracting Parties to the Convention is contained in the annex to this agenda. Contracting Parties may wish to verify this list.

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>.

3. PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS OF THE CONVENTION

Contracting Parties to the Convention have been invited by the Executive Secretary of the UNECE to submit proposals for amendments of the Convention. Such proposals will be circulated when received before the session.

Consideration of a new Annex 8 on the facilitation of border crossing procedures for international road transport

Documentation: TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/8; **TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/2005/1**;
TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/2004/1; TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/2003/1; TRANS/WP.30/216;
TRANS/WP.30/210; TRANS/WP.30/204; TRANS/WP.30/202; TRANS/WP.30/200;
TRANS/WP.30/198; TRANS/WP.30/196; TRANS/WP.30/194; TRANS/WP.30/192;
TRANS/WP.30/2004/12; TRANS/WP.30/2003/23; TRANS/WP.30/2002/19;
TRANS/WP.30/2001/16; TRANS/WP.30/2000/16; TRANS/WP.30/2000/11.

The Administrative Committee may wish to recall its consideration on this subject at its fourth session in October 2000 (TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/8). It may also wish to recall the detailed considerations made by the UNECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) (TRANS/WP.30/216, paras. 14-17; TRANS/WP.30/204, paras. 16-18; TRANS/WP.30/202, paras. 14-19; TRANS/WP.30/200, paras. 12-17; TRANS/WP.30/198, paras. 20-24; TRANS/WP.30/196, paras. 14-17; TRANS/WP.30/194, paras. 18-23; TRANS/WP.30/192, paras. 10-13). The Working Party may also wish to take note of the Ad hoc Expert Group on the new annex 8 which took place in 2003 (TRANS/WP.30/2004/12).

The Administrative Committee may also wish to recall that the objective of the new Annex 8 is to insert into the Convention complementing provisions to those already provided in Annex 1 of the Convention and to define, as a first step, the measures that need to be implemented in order to facilitate border crossing procedures for international road transport. Other border control provisions applying specifically to rail, inland water and possibly maritime and air transport might be included at a later stage. The UNECE Working Party (WP.30) had stressed in this context that the new Annex 8 should address in a comprehensive and consistent manner all major elements important for efficient border crossing procedures in international road transport of goods, covering different types of cargoes, particularly perishable foodstuffs, road vehicles, drivers as well as border crossing procedures and infrastructures.

The Administrative Committee may wish to consider and adopt the proposal for a new Annex to the Convention as contained in document TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/2005/1. This document, prepared by the secretariat at the request of the UNECE Working Party WP.30, is largely based on document TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/2003/1, which had been prepared for the fifth session of the Administrative Committee and considered at the Ad hoc expert group meeting on the Convention which took place on 24 September 2003 (TRANS/WP.30/2004/12). Document TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/2005/1 takes account of these considerations as well as the conclusions of the Working Party at its one-hundred-and-eighth

session (TRANS/WP.30/216) and contains a number of revised formulations for provisions for which, in the past, no consensus could be found in the Working Party.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Date of next session

In accordance with Annex 7, Article 4, sub-paragraphs (ii) and (iii) of the Convention, the Administrative Committee may wish to decide on the date for its next session.

(b) Restriction on the distribution of documents

The Administrative Committee may wish to decide whether there should be any restriction with respect to the distribution of documents issued in connection with its current session.

5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with Annex 7, Article 8 of the Convention, the Administrative Committee will adopt the report of its eighth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the UNECE secretariat.

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Annex

**CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE HARMONIZATION OF FRONTIER
CONTROLS OF GOODS
(21 October 1982)**

Albania	Kyrgyzstan
Armenia	Latvia
Austria	Lesotho
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 Macedonia
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