REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE HARMONIZATION OF FRONTIER
CONTROLS OF GOODS, 1982 ON ITS SIXTH SESSION
(5 and 6 February 2004)

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ATTENDANCE

1. The Administrative Committee held its sixth session in Geneva on 5 and 6 February 2004.

2. The session was attended by representatives of the following Contracting Parties: Austria; Belarus; Belgium; Bulgaria; Croatia; Czech Republic; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Italy; Latvia; Lithuania; Netherlands; Norway; Poland; Romania; Russian Federation; Slovakia; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; United Kingdom; European Community (EC).

3. The Administrative Committee noted that the required quorum according to Annex 7, Article 6 of the Convention has been attained.

4. The following non-governmental organization was represented as observer: International Road Transport Union (IRU).

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Documentation: TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/11.

Mandate and background: TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/11, item 1.

5. The Administrative Committee decided to postpone its considerations of a new draft Annex 8 to the Convention on the facilitation of border crossing procedures for international road transport since several Contracting Parties indicated that they were not yet in a position to decide on the proposal.

STATUS OF THE CONVENTION


Mandate and background: TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/11, item 4.

6. The Administrative Committee was informed that, at present, the Convention had 44 Contracting Parties, including the European Community. As of 18 March 2004, the Convention will enter into force for Latvia in accordance with the accession of Latvia (Depositary Notification C.N.1533.2003.TREATIES-3). A list of Contracting Parties to the Convention is contained in the annex to this report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mandate and background: TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/11, item 7.

Date of next session

8. The Administrative Committee decided, in accordance with Annex 7, Article 4, subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of the Convention, to hold its next session on 14 and 15 October 2004 in conjunction with the one-hundred-and-eighth session of the UNECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport. The deadline for submission of official documentation is 28 July 2004.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

Mandate and background: TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/11, item 8.

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

Contracting Parties to the

International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods
(21 October 1982)

Armenia Armenia
Austria Latvia
Azerbaijan Lesotho
Belarus Lithuania
Belgium Luxembourg
Bosnia and Herzegovina Netherlands
Bulgaria Norway
Bulgaria Poland
Croatia Portugal
Cuba Romania
Cyprus Russian Federation
Czech Republic Serbia and Montenegro
Denmark Slovakia
Estonia Slovenia
Finland South Africa
France Spain
Germany Sweden
Georgia Switzerland
Greece The former Yugoslav Republic of
Hungary Macedonia
Ireland Ukraine
Italy United Kingdom
Kyrgyzstan Uzbekistan

European Community