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and Commercial Road Vehicles (1956):

Issues in the application of the 1954 Convention in Egypt and Jordan

Note by the secretariat

In Annex, the secretariat reproduces two letters from Jordanian customs on the application of the 1954 Convention in the territory of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, together with a reply by the Director of the Sustainable Transport Division on behalf of ECE.
Annex

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN
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The Permanent Mission of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations Office and the other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) / Sustainable Transport Section and with reference to the letter from the Under-Secretary - General No. 2019/OES/029/TRANS dated 30/1/2019 has the honor to inform the Commission:

The Jordanian Customs requests the cancellation of accreditation of The Royal Automobile Club of Jordan in issuing TRIP Ticket, and as the Guarantor of TRIP Tickets issued by both the FIA and the International Federation of Tourism (AIT).

In addition, the Jordanian Customs welcomes new bodies to obtain international membership as International Guarantors within the international chain in issuing TRIP Tickets in the Kingdom and obtain accreditation in the Kingdom to guarantee TRIP Tickets issued by International Auto Clubs members of the International Federation of (FIA) and the International Federation of Tourism (AIT) instead of the The Royal Automobile Club of Jordan.

The Permanent Mission of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations Office and the other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the of the Secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)/ Sustainable Transport Section in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The Permanent Mission of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations Office and the other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) / Sustainable Transport Section and has the honor to inform the Commission the request of The Jordanian Customs to address the competent authorities at the United Nations to clarify the legal status of the Arab International Association of Automobile Clubs (AIA). Whether the Arab International Association of Automobile Clubs (AIA) is concerned in issuing TRIP Tickets and the guarantee of tourist cars in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention on the Temporary Import of Cars signed in Geneva on 4/6/1954 amended on 30/10/1992. Whether it is a similar body as the International Automobile Federation (FIA) And the International Tourism Federation (AIT) in terms of competence and authority.

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Subject: Customs Convention on the temporary importation of private vehicles of 1954

I address myself to you on behalf of the United Nations Economic Commission of Europe (UNECE) in reply to your letters MD-24-798 and 799 of 6 May 2019 in which you raised various questions in relation to the 1954 Customs Convention on the temporary importation of private vehicles.

First of all, you inform ECE of the request of Jordanian customs to cancel the accreditation of the The Royal Automobile Club of Jordan to issue Carnets de Passage en Douane (CPD) and to act as guarantor. In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 1 of the Convention it is up to each Contracting Party to authorize associations. Vice versa, it is also a decision to be made by customs to withdraw this authorization.

You further inform ECE of the interest of Jordanian customs to get acquainted with other bodies, which could issue CPD and act as guarantor. Again, in accordance with Article 6, paragraph 1, Contracting Parties/customs authorities are free to authorize any other association, with as sole limitation that such association should be affiliated to the Fédération International d'Automobile (FIA), which presently is the only international organization administering the centralized printing and distribution of CPD and its international guarantee chain. In case you wish to obtain more information on FIA, I recommend you contact Mr. Habib Turki, director for Tourism services at FIA at hturki@fia.com.

You also request clarification of the legal status of the Arab International Association of Automobile Clubs (AIA). Unable to provide such clarification from the side of ECE, I invite you to contact the secretariat of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), to see if this AIA is, perhaps, a non-governmental organization with consultative status with ECOSOC.

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I trust that you will pass on my replies to the competent customs authorities for their consideration. At the same time, I would appreciate if you could remind them that a reply to a letter from UNECE of 14 July 2017, seeking clarifications about a number of claims due to the alleged non-observance by Jordanian customs of the 1954 Convention (copy attached) still remains outstanding.

Yours sincerely,

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Attach: Copy letter of 14 July 2017
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