

**RESOLUTION BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES
TO THE AGREEMENT OF 25 JUNE 1998
(ECE/TRANS/132 and Corr.1)**

The Contracting Parties expressed their concern over the continuing lack of resolution over the function of depositary and notification for the Compendium of Candidate Global Technical Regulations (Compendium) and the Registry of Global Technical Regulations (Registry) under the above-mentioned Agreement. This Agreement, through application of Article 14 to functions described in Articles 5, 6, and 7, specifies that depositary and notification functions shall be carried out by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The principal negotiators (Japan, the European Union, and the United States of America) and subsequent signatories always intended that the two "cornerstone" elements of the Agreement, the Compendium and the Registry, be deposited and maintained by the Secretary-General as an inherent part of the Agreement. All of the Contracting Parties reaffirm this intent. Thus, the Contracting Parties formally ask the Secretary-General of the United Nations to carry out the depositary and notification functions for both the Compendium and Registry, maintaining them with the Agreement in New York.
