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EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL COMBINED TRANSPORT
LINES AND RELATED INSTALLATIONS (AGTC)
CONCLUDED AT GENEVA ON 1 FEBRUARY 1991

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO ANNEXES I, II, III AND IV 31-10-91

ECF 421/3(5)

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

At its twenty-fifth session held in Geneva from 2 to 4 September 1996, the Working Party on Combined Transport of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, adopted in accordance with articles 15 and 16, of the above Agreement, amendments to annexes I, II, III and IV to the Agreement proposed by the Contracting Parties as indicated in the report of the Working Party on Combined Transport (doc. TRANS/WP.24/71 of 7 October 1996).

I

In accordance with paragraph 3 of article 15, the proposed amendments to annexes I and II were adopted by the majority of representatives present and voting.

The Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to paragraphs 1 to 6 of article 15 of the above Agreement, which read as follows:

1. Annexes I and II to this Agreement may be amended in accordance with the procedure laid down in this article.
2. At the request of a Contracting Party, any amendment proposed by it to annexes I and II shall be considered by the Working Party on Combined Transport of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.
3. If the amendment is adopted by the majority of the Contracting Parties present and voting, the proposed amendment shall be communicated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Contracting Parties directly concerned for acceptance. For the purpose of this article, a Contracting Party shall be considered directly concerned if in the case of inclusion of a new line, an important terminal, a border crossing point, a gauge interchange station or a ferry link/port or in case of their respective modification, its territory is crossed by that line or is directly linked to the important terminal, or if the considered important terminal, border crossing point, gauge interchange station or terminal point of the ferry link/port are situated on the said territory.

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4. Any proposed amendment communicated in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article shall be deemed accepted if, within a period of six months following the date of its communication by the depositary, none of the Contracting Parties directly concerned has notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations of its objection to the proposed amendment.

5. Any amendment thus accepted shall be communicated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to all Contracting Parties and shall enter into force three months after the date of its communication by the depositary.

6. If an objection to the proposed amendment has been notified in accordance with paragraph 4 of this article, the amendment shall be deemed not to have been accepted and shall have no effect whatsoever."

In accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of article 15, the proposed amendments to annexes I and II shall be considered as having been accepted if, within a period of six months following the date of this notification, no objection has been received by the Secretary-General from a Contracting Party directly concerned. Any amendment thus accepted shall enter into force three months after the date of its communication by the depositary, in accordance with paragraph 5 of article 15.

II

In accordance with paragraph 3 of article 16, the proposed amendments to annexes III and IV were adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Parties present and voting.

Furthermore, the Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to paragraphs 1 to 6 of article 16 of the above Agreement which read as follows:

1. Annexes III and IV to this Agreement may be amended in accordance with the procedure specified in this article.
2. At the request of a Contracting Party, any amendment proposed by it to annexes III and IV shall be considered by the Working Party on Combined Transport of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.
3. If the amendment is adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Parties present and voting, the amendment shall be communicated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to all Contracting Parties for acceptance.
4. Any proposed amendment communicated in accordance with paragraph 3 of this article shall be deemed accepted unless, within a period of six months following the date of its communication, one fifth or more of the Contracting Parties have notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations of their objection to the proposed amendment.



5. Any amendment accepted in accordance with paragraph 4 of this article shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to all Contracting Parties and shall enter into force three months after the date of its communication with respect to all Contracting Parties except those which, prior to the date of its entry into force, have notified the Secretary-General that they did not accept the proposed amendment.

6. If one fifth or more of the Contracting Parties have notified an objection to the proposed amendment in accordance with paragraph 4 above, the amendment shall be deemed not to have been accepted and shall have no effect whatsoever."

In accordance with paragraphs 4 and 5 of article 16, the proposed amendments to annexes III and IV shall be deemed accepted within a period of six months following this notification, unless one-fifth of the Contracting Parties have notified the Secretary-General of their objection. The amendments thus accepted will enter into force three months after their communication with respect to all Contracting Parties except those which, prior to the date of their entry into force, have notified the Secretary-General that they did not accept the proposed amendments.

..... Transmitted herewith, in accordance with the above paragraph 3 of articles 15 and 16, are copies of the English, French and Russian texts of the proposed amendments to annexes I, II, III and IV for communication to the Contracting Parties directly concerned.

16 September 1997

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