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**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

Documentation: TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/11; Depository Notification C.N.1533.2003.TREATIES-3.

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 (Depository Notification C.N.1533.2003.TREATIES-3). A list of Contracting Parties to the Convention is contained in the annex to this report.

7. 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>.

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, sub-paragraphs (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	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
Hungary	Ukraine
Ireland	United Kingdom
Italy	Uzbekistan
Kyrgyzstan	

European Community
