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**CUSTOMS CONVENTIONS ON THE TEMPORARY IMPORTATION OF PRIVATE
ROAD VEHICLES (1954) AND COMMERCIAL ROAD VEHICLES (1956) ***

Application of the Convention

Draft Resolution on the elimination of fraud and abuse of customs documents

Transmitted by AIT and FIA

1. The Alliance Internationale de Tourisme (AIT) and Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) submit the attached draft resolution for the consideration of the Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport. Following the request of WP30 at its June 2005 session, explanatory notes on the resolution are given at the bottom of the page.
2. The purpose of this resolution is to help prevent customs document fraud and abuse, to reinforce the implementation and respect of the provisions of the 1954 and 1956 Conventions and to encourage regional economic commissions to promote the accession to these Conventions.

* The UNECE Transport Division has submitted the present document after the official documentation deadline due to planning oversight.

3. The resolution has been drafted bearing in mind the following objectives:
 - to protect the AIT & FIA network of issuing associations from the proliferation of parallel documents (similar in format to the CPD) and counterfeit CPDs;
 - to protect the AIT & FIA network of guaranteeing associations which must not be expected to assume responsibility for documents lacking adequate guarantees;
 - to protect governments from customs fraud and abuse.
4. The resolution aims to underline the strengths of the customs documents system operating effectively under the 1954 and 1956 Conventions. In the AIT & FIA CPD network, there are governments which apply de facto the carnet system. The resolution also aims to encourage these Governments to accede to the Conventions.

Annex

**APPLICATION OF THE CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE TEMPORARY
IMPORTATION OF PRIVATE ROAD VEHICLES (1954) AND THE CUSTOMS
CONVENTION ON THE TEMPORARY IMPORTATION OF COMMERCIAL ROAD
VEHICLES (1956)**

Draft resolution

The Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport,

Being concerned with eliminating fraud and the abusive use of customs documents¹ for the temporary importation of private or commercial vehicles,

Underlining [Emphasizing]² the fact that the system established under the Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles (1954) and the Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Commercial Road Vehicles (1956) constitutes a well-functioning whole of guidelines [provisions] and procedures that must be fully [implemented,] applied and respected³ by those Governments which have acceded to these Conventions and by those Governments which *de facto* apply them,

Recommending to Governments that the issue of temporary importation papers should be entrusted only to associations that are nationally recognized [authorized]⁴ and are affiliated to an international organization, as defined in these Conventions⁵, offering adequate guarantees,

¹ 1984 text reads « ...possible forms of abuse... ». The underlined text is more concise and states a fact.

² The two words are synonymous.

³ 1984 text reads « ...a whole and must be applied in its totality... ». “Well-functioning” has been deleted as these terms are subjective. The underlined text is more complete and concise, and follows more closely the terminology used today in WP30.

⁴ 1984 text reads « approved ». The text in square brackets is the terminology used in the Conventions.

⁵ The underlined text clarifies the fact that the Conventions now include this definition, which was not the case in 1984.

Invites the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe, by reason of the global character of the customs system in question, and by reason of the interest to member countries of the Economic Commission for Europe in the border [crossing] facilitation means⁶ that this system offers, to bring the matter to the attention of the other regional economic commissions of the United Nations with the aim of promoting the correct application of the Conventions and the accession to them.

NB: Underlined text is where wording differs from 1984 resolution.

Text crossed out has been deleted.

Text in square brackets has been added.

⁶ 1984 text reads « ...means of facilitating travel...». The underlined text is the terminology used in the UNECE today, covering transport in the larger sense.