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EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL COMBINED
TRANSPORT LINES AND RELATED INSTALLATIONS (AGTC)

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PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX III

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

On 10 March 2016, the Secretary-General was informed that, at its fifty-eight session held in Geneva on 30 November and 1 December 2015, the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, adopted in accordance with article 16 of the above Agreement, a proposal of amendments to Annex III of the Agreement, as indicated in the report of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (document ECE/TRANS/WP.24/137).

The report of the session (document ECE/TRANS/WP.24/137) can be accessed on the website of the Transport Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe at the following address: <http://www.unece.org/trans/wp24/wp24-reports/24reps.html> .

The texts of the proposed amendments in English, French and Russian (document ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2014/1- ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2014/1) can be accessed on the website of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe at the following addresses:

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2014/wp24/ECE-TRANS-WP24-2014-01e-ECE-TRANS-SC2-2014-01e.pdf> (English)

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2014/wp24/ECE-TRANS-WP24-2014-01f.pdf> (French)

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2014/wp24/ECE-TRANS-WP24-2014-01r.pdf> (Russian)

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

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“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 Intermodal Transport and Logistics 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 proposed 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 paragraphs 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 Annex III shall be deemed accepted unless, within a period of six months following this notification, one-fifth or more 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.

23 March 2016

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