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EUROPEAN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE WORK OF CREWS OF VEHICLES ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT (AETR) GENEVA, 1 JULY 1970

SPAIN: COMMUNICATION RELATING TO THE TERRITORIAL APPLICATION BY THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO GIBRALTAR $^{\rm 1}$

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

The above action was effected on 2 October 2020.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

The Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in his capacity as depositary of the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport, in view of the extension by the United Kingdom of the application of the said Agreement to the territory of Gibraltar, and taking into account the entry into force of the amendment to its article 14, notifies him of the following declaration approved by the Council of Ministers of the Government of Spain on 22 September 2020:

- 1. Gibraltar is a Non-Self-Governing Territory whose international relations the United Kingdom is responsible for and which is subject to a process of decolonization in accordance with the relevant decisions and resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly.
- 2. The authorities of Gibraltar are local in character and exercise competences exclusively over internal affairs that originate in and are based on the powers allocated to and conferred on them by the United Kingdom, in accordance with its domestic legislation, in its capacity as the sovereign State upon which depends the said Non-Self-Governing Territory.
- 3. Consequently, any involvement by the Gibraltarian authorities in the implementation of this Agreement shall be understood to take place exclusively within the framework of the internal affairs of Gibraltar and shall not be considered to affect in any way the content of the two preceding paragraphs.
- 4. The process provided for by the Arrangements relating to Gibraltar authorities in the context of certain international treaties, adopted by Spain and the United Kingdom on 19 December 2007 (jointly with the "Agreed Arrangements relating to Gibraltar authorities in the context of EU and EC instruments and related Treaties" of 19 April 2000), applies to the present Agreement.

Refer to depositary notification C.N.405.2019.TREATIES-XI.B.21 of 4 September 2019 (Territorial application in respect of Gibraltar: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

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5. The application to Gibraltar of the present Agreement, and possibly of its Protocols, cannot be interpreted as recognition of any rights or situations involving spaces not included in article 10 of the Treaty of Utrecht of 13 July 1713, concluded between the crowns of Spain and Great Britain.

This declaration is communicated for publication and dissemination in accordance with the depositary practice of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

12 October 2020

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