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

The above Protocol has been adopted by the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe on 17 January 1997. In accordance with its article 6 (1), the Protocol will be open at the Office of the United Nations in Geneva for signature by States which are Contracting Parties to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) of 1991 from 1 November 1997 to 31 October 1998.

Certified true copies of the Protocol, of which the English, French and Russian texts are equally authentic, are being prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

7 November 1997

Attention: Treaty Services of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of international organizations concerned