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EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON MAIN INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY LINES  
(AGC)

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

The above action was effected on 1 October 2001, with:

Declaration (Original: English)

"Declaration in respect of Article 8 of the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC):

The Federal Government of the Republic of Austria declares herewith in accordance with Article 9 of the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) that the Republic of Austria does not consider herself bound by the provisions of Article 8 of the AGC.

The topographic conditions in Austria do not permit a complete adherence to the parameter "nominal minimum speed" of 160 kph on existing lines and of 250 kph on new lines to be built. Also, when considering the optimal use of resources available for the improvement of railroad infrastructure and the priority goal of the lines capacity, the parameter of a "nominal minimum speed" of 250 kph cannot be upheld for all new lines.

The Agreement entered into force for Austria on 30 December 2001 in accordance with its article 6 (2) which reads as follows:

"For each State which deposits an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession after the commencement of the period of 90 days specified in paragraph 1 of this article, the Agreement shall enter into force 90 days after the date of deposit of the said instrument."

Upon deposit of the above instrument, the Government of Austria, in accordance with article 13 of the Agreement, notified the Secretary-General of the following names and addresses of the

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administration to which proposed amendments to the annexes to the Agreement are to be communicated:

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24 April 2002

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by a vertical line and a small flourish at the bottom.