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ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE CONTRACT FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY ROAD (CMR)
CONCERNING THE ELECTRONIC CONSIGNMENT NOTE

GENEVA, 20 FEBRUARY 2008

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

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

The above Protocol was adopted on 20 February 2008 during the 70th Session of the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe. In accordance with its article 7, the Protocol shall be open for signature by States that are signatories to or parties to the Convention and are either members of the Economic Commission for Europe or have been admitted to the Commission in a consultative capacity, in Geneva, from 27 May 2008 to 30 May 2008 and, after this date, at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 30 June 2009.

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

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Protocol could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (Telephone: (212) 963-5047, Facsimile: (212) 963-3693, e-mail: treaty@un.org).

Attention: Treaty Services of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of international organizations concerned. Depositary notifications are currently issued in both hard copy and electronic format. Depositary notifications are made available to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations at the following e-mail address: missions@un.int. Such notifications are also available in the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Internet at <http://untreaty.un.org>, where interested individuals can subscribe to directly receive depositary notifications by e-mail through a new automated subscription service. Depositary notifications are available for pick-up by the Permanent Missions in Room NL-300.

For more information on full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection website, which can be accessed at the following address:
<http://untreaty.un.org>.

..... For the sake of convenience a model instrument of full powers is attached.

25 March 2008

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'R' or similar character.

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Model of Full Powers
(to be signed by the Head of State or Head of Government,
or Minister for Foreign Affairs)

Full Powers

I, [name and title of Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs]

HEREBY AUTHORIZE, [name and title], to sign subject to ratification the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) concerning the Electronic Consignment Note, adopted at Geneva on 20 February 2008 on behalf of the Government of [name of State].

Done at [place] on [date].

[Signature]