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

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PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES 14, 15 AND 16 OF THE AGTC AGREEMENT

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

At its forty-ninth session held in Geneva on 17 and 18 March 2008, the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) adopted, in accordance with paragraph 3 of article 14 of the above Agreement, amendment proposals to articles 14, 15 and 16 of the AGTC Agreement as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.24/119.

In accordance with paragraph 3 of article 14 of the AGTC Agreement, the proposed amendments to articles 14, 15 and 16 of the AGTC Agreement were adopted unanimously by the Contracting Parties present and voting.

The Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to paragraphs 1 to 5 of article 14 of the above Agreement, which read as follows:

1. This Agreement may be amended in accordance with the procedure specified in this article, except as provided for under articles 15 and 16.
2. At the request of a Contracting Party, any amendment proposed by it to this Agreement shall be considered by the Working Party on Combined Transport 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 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 come into force with respect to all Contracting Parties three months after the expiry of a period of twelve months following the date of its communication, provided that during such period of twelve months no objection to the proposed amendment shall have been notified to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by a State which is a Contracting Party.

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5. If an objection to the proposed amendment has been notified in accordance with paragraph 4 of this article, the amendment shall be deemed not to have been accepted and shall have no effect whatsoever."

The annex to document ECE/TRANS/WP.24/119 entitled "General amendment proposals" contains the text of the proposed amendments to articles 14, 15 and 16 of the AGTC Agreement in the English, French and Russian languages. These documents are available on the web site of the UNECE Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics

(<http://www.unece.org/trans/wp24/wp24-reports/24reps.html>) at:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/wp24/wp24-reports/documents/119e.pdf> (English);

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