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UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON NEGOTIABLE CARGO DOCUMENTS
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OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

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

The above-referenced Convention was adopted on 15 December 2025 by resolution 80/162 at the 64th plenary meeting of the eightieth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Certified true copies of the Convention in paper have been distributed attached to depositary notification C.N.91.2026.TREATIES-X.22 of 24 February 2026. The electronic certified true copy of the Convention is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection website at https://treaties.un.org/doc/Treaties/2025/12/20251215%2011-17%20AM/Ch_X_22.pdf.

General Assembly resolution 80/162 authorized a ceremony for the opening for signature of the Convention to be held as soon as practicable in the second half of 2026 in Accra. The ceremony will take place in Accra on 26 October 2026. In accordance with its article 20, the Convention will be open for signature by all States. A regional economic integration organization that is constituted by States and has competence over certain matters governed by this Convention may similarly sign this Convention, in accordance with its article 21.

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 treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States and regional economic integration organizations wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, by e-mail: treatysection@un.org.

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: https://treaties.un.org/Pages/Resource.aspx?path=Publication/TH/Page1_en.xml.

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