

**32. AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHING OF GLOBAL TECHNICAL REGULATIONS FOR WHEELED VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT AND PARTS WHICH CAN BE FITTED AND/OR BE USED ON WHEELED VEHICLES**

*Geneva, 25 June 1998*

- ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 25 August 2000, in accordance with article 11 which reads as follows: "11.1 This Agreement and its Annexes, which constitute integral parts of the Agreement, shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30) day following the date on which a minimum of five (5) countries and/or regional economic integration organizations have become Contracting Parties pursuant to Article 9. This minimum of five (5) must include the European Community, Japan, and the United States. 11.2. If, however, paragraph 11.1 of this Article is not satisfied fifteen (15) months after the date specified in paragraph 10.1 [i.e. 25 June 1998], then this Agreement and its Annexes, which constitute integral parts of the Agreement, shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30) day following the date on which a minimum of eight (8) countries and/or regional economic integration organizations have become Contracting Parties pursuant to Article 9. Such date of entry into force shall not be earlier than sixteen (16) months after the date specified in paragraph 10.1. At least one (1) of these eight (8) must be either the European Community, Japan or the United States of America. 11.3 for any country or regional economic integration organization that becomes a Contracting Party to the Agreement after its entry into force, this Agreement shall enter into force sixty (6) days after the date that such country or regional economic integration organization deposits its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession."
- REGISTRATION:** 25 August 2000, No. 36868.
- STATUS:** Signatories: 5. Parties: 40.
- TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series* , vol. 2119, p. 129.

*Note:* The Agreement, of which the English, French and Russian texts are equally authentic, was adopted by the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations at its one-hundred-and fifteenth Session, held from 23 to 26 June 1998. In accordance with its article 10, the Agreement will be open for signature from 25 June 1998 until its entry into force.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Definitive signature(s), Ratification, Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Accession(a)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Definitive signature(s), Ratification, Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Accession(a)</i>
Albania.....		19 Sep 2024 a	Kazakhstan.....		28 Jun 2011 a
Australia <sup>1</sup> .....		8 Apr 2008 a	Lithuania.....		26 May 2006 a
Azerbaijan.....		15 Apr 2002 a	Luxembourg.....		16 Sep 2005 a
Belarus .....		2 Jan 2015 a	Malaysia.....		3 Feb 2006 a
Canada .....		22 Jun 1999 s	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) <sup>3</sup> .....		4 Jan 2002 a
China <sup>2</sup> .....		10 Oct 2000 A	New Zealand <sup>4</sup> .....		27 Nov 2001 a
Cyprus.....		12 Apr 2005 a	Nigeria .....		18 Oct 2018 a
European Union.....	18 Oct 1999	15 Feb 2000 AA	Norway .....		30 Sep 2004 a
Finland .....		8 Jun 2001 a	Republic of Korea.....		2 Nov 2000 a
France .....	22 Sep 1999	4 Jan 2000 AA	Republic of Moldova.....		16 Jan 2007 a
Germany .....		11 May 2000 s	Romania.....		25 Apr 2002 a
Hungary .....		22 Jun 2001 a	Russian Federation .....		26 Jul 2000 s
India .....		21 Feb 2006 a	San Marino .....		27 Nov 2015 a
Italy .....		1 Dec 2000 a	Slovakia .....		7 Nov 2001 a
Japan .....		3 Aug 1999 A			

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Slovenia .....		8 May 2014 a	Uganda.....		23 Aug 2022 a
South Africa.....	14 Jun 2000	18 Apr 2001	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....		10 Jan 2000 s
Spain .....	24 Aug 2000	23 Apr 2002	United States of America.....	25 Jun 1998	26 Jul 1999 A
Sweden.....		3 Dec 2002 a	Uzbekistan .....		4 May 2018 a
Tajikistan .....		28 Dec 2011 a			
Tunisia .....		2 Nov 2007 a			
Türkiye.....		3 Jul 2001 a			

### ***Declarations and Reservations***

***(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon definitive signature, ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.)***

#### **EUROPEAN UNION**

“The European Community declares in matters within its competence that its Members States have transferred

powers to it in fields covered by this Agreement, including the power to make binding decisions on them.”

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#### ***Notes:***

<sup>1</sup> “THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA hereby declares, pursuant to Article 15, subparagraph 2 of the Agreement, that the Agreement shall not extend to the following Australian territories:

Australian Antarctic Territory, Coral Sea Islands Territory, Norfolk Island, Territory of Ashmore Reef and Cartier Island, Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands, Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Territory of Christmas Island.”

<sup>2</sup> With a declaration to the effect that the Agreement shall apply to the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macao of the People’s Republic of China.

<sup>3</sup> As from 30 April 2003: in respect of the Netherlands Antilles.

<sup>4</sup> On 27 November 2001, the Secretary-General received the following:

“[T]he Government of New Zealand ... declares that, consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking into account the commitment of the Government of New Zealand to the development of self-government for Tokelau through an act of self-determination under the Charter of the United Nations, this accession shall not extend to Tokelau unless and until a Declaration to this effect is lodged by the Government of New Zealand with the Depositary on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory.”