

MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL THINK TANK
FOR LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
NEW YORK, 24 SEPTEMBER 2010

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The above Agreement shall be opened for signature by Landlocked Developing Countries at the United Nations Headquarters, from 1 November 2010 until 31 October 2011, in accordance with its article X, paragraph 10.1.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, which is authentic in English only, will be prepared and transmitted to all States concerned 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 specific 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 Agreement could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, 380 Madison Avenue, New York (Telephone: (212) 963-5047, Facsimile: (212) 963-3693, E-mail: depositaryCN@un.org).

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