



UNITED NATIONS
ECONOMIC COMMISSION
FOR EUROPE
THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to refer to the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, done at Geneva on 21 October 1982, which provides in its Annex 7, Article 4 for the convening of an Administrative Committee under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

The Administrative Committee, at its fourth session (18-20 October 2000) decided, in accordance with Annex 7, Article 4, sub-paragraph (ii) of the Convention, to convene its next session in the year 2001, in conjunction with one of the sessions of the UNECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), at a date to be determined by the UNECE secretariat (TRANS/WP.30/AC.3/8).

Since work on the preparation of a new Annex 8 to the Convention has not yet progressed in a way to allow the Administrative Committee to take a final decision on this Annex during the course of this year, the UNECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), preparing this new Annex 8, has recommended to postpone the next session of the Administrative Committee to autumn 2002. This would allow sufficient time to finalize work on this important Annex 8 on efficient border crossing procedures.

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of Contracting Parties to the Convention,
incl. European Community



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Since your country is a Contracting Party to the above Convention and in accordance with Annex 7, Article 1 of the Convention and the above recommendation of the UNECE Working Party, I should be grateful if you could accept the postponement of the planned 2001 session of the Administrative Committee to autumn 2002.

Should you need any further information on this matter, please contact the UNECE secretariat (Fax: +41-22-917-0039; E-mail: martin.magold@unece.org).

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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