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## CONVENTION ON THE FACILITATION OF BORDER CROSSING PROCEDURES FOR PASSENGERS, LUGGAGE AND LOAD-LUGGAGE CARRIED IN INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC BY RAIL GENEVA, 22 FEBRUARY 2019

## OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

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

The above Convention was adopted on 22 February 2019 at the eighty-first session of the Inland Transport Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe held in Geneva from 19 to 22 February 2019.

A depositary notification relating to the issuance of certified true copies of the Convention has been circulated by C.N.126.2019.TREATIES-XI.C.7 of 4 April 2019.

In accordance with its article 21, the Convention shall be open for signature at the United Nations Headquarters in New York by all States and regional economic integration organizations.

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 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 facsimile: (212) 963-3693 or 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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