



## 4.2 Accession and Implementation of International Conventions and Agreements



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# Accession Status to the International Agreements and Conventions

*The accession status to the conventions recommended by ESCAP resolution 48/11*

No	Agreements and Conventions	AFG	AZE	KAZ	KGZ	TJK	TKM	UZB
1	Convention on Road Traffic (1968)		X (2002)	X (1994)	X (2006)	X (1994)	X (1993)	X (1995)
2	Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1968)		X (2011)	X (1994)	X (2006)	X (1994)	X (1993)	X (1995)
3	Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR, 1956)		X (2006)	X (1995)	X (1998)	X (1996)	X (1996)	X (1995)
4	Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Commercial Road Vehicles (1956)	X (1977)	X (2000)		X (1998)			X (1999)
5	Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention) (1975)	X (1982)	X (1996)	X (1995)	X (1998)	X (1996)	X (1996)	X (1995)
6	International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (1982)		X (2000)	X (2005)	X (1998)	X (2011)		X (1996)
7	Customs Convention on Containers (1972)		X (2005)	X (2005)	X (2007)			X (1996)

**Notes:** 1. X-Final signature, ratification, accession;  
 2. AFG – Afghanistan; AZE – Azerbaijan; KAZ – Kazakhstan; KGZ – Kyrgyzstan; TJK - Tajikistan; TKM – Turkmenistan; and UZB – Uzbekistan.

## The Inter-Governmental Agreement of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Member States on the Facilitation of International Road Transport

- The UNESCAP secretariat has supported the formulation of the Agreement since its initiation in 2004 by providing technical and financial assistance for the negotiation and drafting of the Agreement and its annexes.
- The Agreement was signed during the annual Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) held on 11 - 12 September 2014 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.
- The Agreement is expected to open more than 15,000 km of Asian Highway routes for transport operations and services, with the longest route stretching more than 9,000 km from Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation to Lianyungang, China.
- The Agreement will also develop landlocked Central Asia's access to sea by road through China and Russian Federation.

# UNESCAP Regional Network of Legal and Technical Experts on Transport Facilitation

## Objectives:

- Exchange information
- Coordinate with each other
- Pinpoint areas of legal conflict between different subregional agreements and their implications
- Suggest solutions to legal conflicts where a country is party to two or more agreements
- Suggest ways to connect countries located in different subregions that are party to different agreements
- Share experiences
- Promote international facilitation conventions and the formulation and implementation of subregional facilitation agreements;
- Assist in the development and improvement of bilateral agreements on international road transport

## Harmonization of Legal Instruments and Documentation

- On the basis of a number of comparative studies on subregional and bilateral agreements, ESCAP has developed draft models of subregional and bilateral agreement
- Three Regional Meetings have been organized by ESCAP Transport Division, in December 2015 and August 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand, and in May 2016 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, on Harmonization of Legal Instruments and Documentation for Cross-border and Transit Transport by Road.

# The Database of Agreements on International Road Transport

- The Database of Agreements on International Road Transport was developed by ESCAP Transport Division.
- It has over 200 documents, including bilateral agreements and other legal instruments on or related to international road transport, and selected multilateral agreements having provisions on international road carriage.
- The texts of the bilateral and multilateral agreements in the database were collected by the secretariat from different sources like ESCAP member countries, international organizations and Government agencies
- SPECA countries are invited to access the database, review the information for accuracy and encouraged to send updates on the agreements when they appear so allowing the secretariat to include them in the database. The database can be accessed under the following web link:  
<http://www.unescap.org/resources/database-agreements-international-road-transport>

**Thank you!**