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CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS TRANSIT PROCEDURES  
FOR THE CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY RAIL UNDER COVER OF SMGS  
CONSIGNMENT NOTES

GENEVA, 9 FEBRUARY 2006

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 9 February 2006 during the 68<sup>th</sup> session of the Inland Transport Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

The Convention shall be open for signature to Member States of the United Nations, which are Contracting Parties to the 1951 Agreement on International Goods Transport by Rail, from 23 April to 27 April 2007 at the United Nations Office in Geneva. Thereafter, it shall remain open for signature at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 31 December 2007.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the English, French, and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the 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 specified 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 Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (Telephone: (212) 963-5047, Facsimile: (212) 963-3693, e-mail: [treaty@un.org](mailto:treaty@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:  
<http://untreaty.un.org>.

Attention: Treaty Services of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of international organizations concerned. Depositary notifications are made available to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations at the following e-mail address: [missions@un.int](mailto:missions@un.int). Note that annexes to the depositary notifications are distributed in hard copy format only. The hard copy versions of the depositary notifications are available for pick-up by the Permanent Missions in Room NL-300. Such notifications are also available in the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Internet at <http://untreaty.un.org>.

..... For the sake of convenience a model instrument of full powers is attached.

26 March 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'J' or 'I' followed by a flourish.

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**Model of Full Powers**  
**(to be signed by the Head of State or Government,**  
**or Minister for Foreign Affairs)**

**Full Powers**

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I, [name and title of Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs],

**HEREBY AUTHORIZE**, [name and title], to sign subject to ratification the Convention on International Customs Transit Procedures for the Carriage of Goods by Rail Under Cover of SMGS Consignment Notes, adopted at Geneva on 9 February 2006 on behalf of the Government of [name of State].

Done at [place] on [date].

[Signature]