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POSITION REGARDING CONTRACTING PARTIES
TO THE HS CONVENTION AND RELATED MATTERS

(Item II.1 on Agenda)

1. The present position regarding the Contracting Parties to the HS Convention, implementation of the 1996 HS amendments, acceptance of various HS-related Recommendations and the use of the HS by non-Contracting Party administrations is summarized below (see the Annex hereto for details).

	<u>Number</u>	<u>New Members since the last session</u>
<u>Contracting Parties to the HS Convention</u>	104	Philippines
<u>Implementation of 1996 amendments</u>	100 of 101	Philippines
<u>Recommendations</u>		
Ozone Layer Depleting Substances	33	
Use of Standard Units of Quantity	22	
Pre-entry Classification Information	36	Poland
Chemical Weapons Convention	8	
Narcotic Drugs	9	
Reporting Trade Data	19	Czech Republic, Saudi Arabia
Good Classification Work Model	4	
Hand-made Products	2	Morocco
Application of HS Committee Decisions	0	
<u>Use of the HS by Non-Contracting Party Administrations and Customs or Economic Unions</u>	75	(29 administrations use the 1996 version)

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2. The Committee is invited to welcome the Philippines as the 104th Contracting Party to the HS Convention. The Committee is also requested to note that the Convention legally entered into force in respect of the Philippines on 28 June 2001, in accordance with Article 13.2 of the Convention.
3. At the present time, Rwanda is the only Contracting Party to the HS Convention not yet having notified the Secretariat of the date on which it will apply the 1996 version of the HS. According to the informal information available to the Secretariat, Rwanda has been applying the 1996 version of the HS since 1998. Rwanda is invited to officially confirm this information.
4. In response to a Secretariat letter of 12 September 2001, the South African Administration replied on 19 September 2001 that it had promulgated the ozone layer depleting substances legislation on 4 January 1991 and the legislation on chemical weapons and narcotic drugs on 30 December 1999. The Secretariat asked South Africa whether the promulgation of those Council Recommendations by national legislation equated to the acceptance of those Recommendations. To avoid any ambiguity, at the last HSC session (see paragraph 4 of Doc. NC0347E1 – HSC/27) the Secretariat requested that any formal notification be sent to the Secretariat in writing regarding acceptance of an HS related Council Recommendation. At the time of writing, the Secretariat had received no such formal notifications.
5. In June 2001 (97th/98th Sessions), the Council revoked two Recommendations (on the Use of Standard Units of Quantity and on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances) and adopted two Recommendations (on the application of HS Committee Decisions and on the Use of Standard Units of Quantity, the latter being the replacement of the corresponding revoked Recommendation mentioned above). The Secretariat strongly urges administrations to accept the HS-related Council Recommendations including in particular the newly adopted Recommendations, and to formally notify the Secretary General of their acceptance as soon as possible.
6. During the intersession, several administrations sent the latest versions of their HS-based Customs tariffs or statistical nomenclatures to the Secretariat. All administrations are requested to provide a copy of the latest version of their Customs tariffs or statistical nomenclatures to the Secretariat as soon as they are updated.

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Algeria	24-10-1991	01-01-1992	01-01-1996							
Argentina	11-01-1994	11-01-1994	01-01-1996	17-09-1996	17-09-1996	18-03-1997	14-08-1998	14-08-1998		
Australia	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-07-1996							
Austria	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997				
Azerbaijan	07-07-2000	07-07-2000	07-07-2000							
Bangladesh	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996							
Belarus	21-10-1998	01-01-2000	01-01-2000							
Belgium	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997				
Botswana	13-02-1987	01-01-1988	22-03-1996							
Brazil	08-11-1988	01-01-1989	01-01-1996	19-06-1996		12-07-1996	24-04-1998	24-04-1998		
Bulgaria	30-10-1990	01-01-1992	01-01-1996	20-02-1996						
Burkina Faso	25-09-1990	01-01-1992	01-01-1998							
Cameroon	16-05-1988	01-07-1989	20-02-1998						25-03-1998	
Canada	14-12-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	23-03-1998		18-09-1996	23-03-1998	23-03-1998	29-09-1998	05-05
Central African Rep.	11-06-1998	18-05-1998	18-05-1998							
Chad	05-09-1990	01-01-1992	03-07-1998							
China	23-06-1992	01-01-1993	01-01-1996		20-05-1996					
Congo (Dem. Rep. of the)	10-11-1987	01-01-1988	01-1997							
Côte d'Ivoire	25-01-1990	01-01-1991	01-07-1996							
Croatia	29-09-1994	29-09-1994	01-07-1996							
Cuba	03-11-1995	01-01-1997	01-01-1997	23-07-1996		09-02-1998	09-02-1998	09-02-1998		
Cyprus	21-03-1994	21-03-1994	01-01-1996		10-03-1998					
Czech Rep.	16-11-1993	16-11-1993	01-01-1996						07-08-2001	

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Denmark	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997				
Egypt	27-05-1999	01-01-2001	01-01-2001							
Estonia	26-05-1993	01-01-1995	01-01-1996	13-11-1995	13-11-1995				08-12-1997	
Ethiopia	01-03-1995	01-03-1995	02-1998		13-05-1997					
Fiji	23-12-1997	01-01-1998	01-01-1998							
Finland	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997				
France	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997				
Gabon	07-07-2000	01-01-2002 (*)	[01-01-2002]							
Germany	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997				
Greece	15-07-1988	01-01-1990	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997				
Guinea	23-09-1997	01-01-1998	01-01-1998							
Haiti	17-01-2000	17-01-2000	17-01-2000							
Hungary	27-08-1990	01-01-1991	01-01-1996	16-11-1999 (1999)			16-11-1999 (1999)	16-11-1999 (1999)	13-01-1998	
Iceland	28-10-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996							
India	23-06-1986	01-01-1988	01-01-1996							
Indonesia	05-07-1993	01-01-1995	01-01-1996	30-10-1998						
Iran	28-02-1995	01-01-1997	15-11-1998							10-03
Ireland	22-12-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997				
Israel	05-08-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996							
Italy	31-05-1989	01-01-1991	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997				
Japan	22-06-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996			24-03-1997				
Jordan	10-06-1985	01-01-1988	02-03-1997							
Kenya	29-07-1988	01-07-1989	01-01-1996							
Korea (Rep. of)	27-11-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	26-10-1998	26-07-2000	07-08-1996	07-08-1996		26-10-1998	

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Latvia	04-01-1996	01-06-1996	01-07-1996	10-11-2000	25-01-1999	19-07-1999			25-01-1999	
Lebanon	03-05-1996	03-05-1996	03-05-1996							
Lesotho	12-12-1985	01-01-1988	22-03-1996							
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	17-05-1993	01-01-1995	01-01-1998							
Lithuania	20-06-1994	01-01-1995	01-07-1996	03-08-1998	15-01-1998	25-08-1997			08-12-1997	09-11
Luxembourg	11-07-1988	11-07-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997				
The Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	31-03-1995	31-03-1995	15-08-1996							
Madagascar	22-12-1987	01-01-1988	01-04-1996							
Malawi	25-10-1988	01-04-1989	01-06-1996		15-12-1995					
Malaysia	15-12-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996			10-06-1997				
Maldives	07-07-2000	01-01-2002 (*)	[01-01-2002]							
Mali	15-06-1994	01-01-1995	01-01-1998							
Malta	20-12-1989	01-01-1990	01-01-1996		21-11-1997				27-01-1998	
Mauritania	03-04-2001	01-01-2003 (*)	[01-01-2003]							
Mauritius	10-06-1985	01-01-1988	07-06-1997		15-11-2000 (1999)				15-11-1999	
Mexico	06-09-1991	06-03-1992	01-01-1996			20-08-1996				
Mongolia	30-09-1991	01-01-1993	01-07-1996							
Morocco	27-02-1992	01-07-1992	01-07-1996		26-07-2000 (1999)					
Myanmar	05-12-1994	01-01-1995	01-01-1996	20-09-1995	05-08-1997					
Netherlands	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997				
New Zealand	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996							
Niger	16-03-1990	01-01-1991	06-03-1998							
Nigeria	15-03-1988	15-03-1988	01-01-1996						12-02-1998	

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Norway	27-08-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	08-12-1999 (1999)	03-01-2001 (1999)	18-09-1996		04-11-1999 (1999)	07-01-1998	
Pakistan	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-07-1996		03-01-1996					
Panama	24-08-1998	01-01-2000	01-01-2000							
Peru	09-07-1998	01-01-2000	01-01-2000	13-02-2001	13-02-2001		13-02-2001	13-02-2001		
Philippines	28-06-2001	28-06-2001	28-06-2001							
Poland	12-09-1995	01-01-1996	01-01-1996			03-07-2001				
Portugal	04-11-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997				
Romania	05-12-1996	01-01-1997	01-01-1997		31-08-1995	23-06-1997				
Russia	18-06-1996	01-01-1997	01-01-1997							
Rwanda	29-07-1992	01-01-1994	(?)							
Saudi Arabia	10-03-1988	01-01-1990	01-01-1999	08-01-2001					30-08-2001	
Senegal	21-09-1989	01-01-1991	03-1996							
Slovakia	07-06-1993	07-06-1993	01-01-1996		09-11-2000 (1999)	04-06-1997			09-11-2000	
Slovenia	23-11-1992	23-11-1992	01-01-1996			02-06-1997				
South Africa	25-11-1987	01-01-1988	22-03-1996						06-03-1998	
Spain	28-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997				
Sri Lanka	03-05-1988	01-01-1989	01-01-1996							
Sudan	10-12-1993	10-12-1993	01-01-1998		08-01-2001					
Swaziland	26-11-1985	01-01-1988	22-03-1996							
Sweden	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997				
Switzerland	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	18-09-2000 (1999)		06-02-1997			11-02-1998	
Thailand	16-12-1991	01-01-1993	01-01-1999							
Togo	12-02-1990	01-01-1991	01-01-1998							
Tunisia	28-10-1987	01-01-1989	01-07-1996			12-09-1997				
Turkey	15-12-1988	01-01-1989	01-01-1996	06-10-1997	06-10-1997	06-10-1997	06-10-1997		24-07-1998	

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Uganda	11-07-1989	01-01-1991	01-01-1996							
United Kingdom	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997				
United States	31-10-1988	01-01-1989	01-01-1996		15-05-1997	27-02-1997			06-11-1998	06-11
Uzbekistan	17-11-1998	01-01-2000	01-01-2000							
Venezuela	23-10-1998	02-11-1998	02-11-1998					09-04-1999		
Viet Nam	26-03-1998	01-01-2000	01-01-2000							
Zambia	22-12-1986	01-01-1988	26-01-1996							
Zimbabwe	05-11-1986	01-01-1988	01-07-1996							
European Community (EC)	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997				
TOTAL	104		100	33	21	35	8	8	18	4
		(*) Unless an earlier date is specified	(?) Not yet notified [] Date of entry into force							

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Albania	X							
Antigua and Barbuda								
Bahamas	X							
Bahrain								
Barbados	X							
Belize								
Benin	X							
Bermuda								
Bolivia	X		10-10-2000			10-10-2000	10-10-2000	
Brunei Darussalam	X							
Cape Verde	X							
Chile	X							
Colombia	X							
Comoros								
Congo (Rep. of the)								
Cook Islands								
Costa Rica	X							
Djibouti								
Dominica								
Dominican Rep.								
Ecuador	X							
El Salvador								
Equatorial Guinea								
Gambia	X							

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Saint Lucia								
Saint Pierre and Miquelon (French Territory)								
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	X							
Sierra Leone	X							
Singapore	X							
Solomon Islands								
Suriname								
Syrian Arab Rep.	X							
Tanzania	X							
Tonga								
Trinidad and Tobago								
Tuvalu								
Ukraine	X							
United Arab Emirates	X							
Uruguay	X							
Vanuatu								
Wallis and Futuna Islands (French Territory)								
Yemen	X							
Andean Community (CAN)	(X)							
Caribbean Community (CARICOM)								
Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC)	(X)							
Commonwealth of the Independent States (CIS)	(X)							
Economic Community of Western African States (ECOWAS)	(X)							

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Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC)	(X)							
Latin American Integration Association (LAIA)	(X)							
Southern Cone Common Market (MERCOSUR)	(X)							
TOTAL : 67 Countries + 8 Unions	30		1	1		1	1	
GRAND TOTAL : 104 Contracting Parties + 75 Applications	130	33	22	36	8	9	19	4
	(X) Not counted in the total							