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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 2002 HS amendments, acceptance of the HS-related Recommendations and the use of the HS by non-Contracting Party administrations is summarized below (for details, see the Annex to this document).

	<u>Number</u>	<u>New Members since the last session</u>
<u>Contracting Parties to the HS Convention</u>	106	Bahrain, Yugoslavia
<u>Implementation of 2002 amendments (as from January 2002)</u>	54 of 106	(see the Annex)
<u>Recommendations</u>		
Ozone Layer Depleting Substances (June 1999)	34	Cyprus
Use of Standard Units of Quantity (2001)	4	Azerbaijan, Hungary, Iran, Norway
Pre-entry Classification Information	38	Cyprus, Pakistan
Chemical Weapons Convention	8	
Reporting Trade Data	19	
Good Classification Work Model	5	Pakistan
Hand-made Products	2	
Application of HSC Decisions	2	Azerbaijan, Morocco

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	<u>Number</u>	<u>New Members since the last session</u>
<u>Use of the HS by Non-Contracting Party Administrations and Customs or Economic Unions</u>	76	(2 administrations use the 2002 version)

2. The Committee is invited to welcome Bahrain and Yugoslavia as the 105th and 106th Contracting Parties to the HS Convention. The Committee is also requested to note that the Convention entered into force for Bahrain and Yugoslavia on 1 and 9 January 2002 respectively, in accordance with Article 13.2.
3. With regard to the implementation of the HS 2002, as indicated in the Annex to this document, 54 Contracting Parties have notified the Secretariat of the application of the HS 2002 as from January 2002. In this context, the New Zealand Administration, which has notified the Secretariat of the application of the HS 2002 as from 1 January, says that it will not be in a position to apply the Chapter 48 amendments before April 2002.
4. Botswana and Sri Lanka notified the application of the HS 2002 on 15 and 23 March respectively. Therefore, 56 Contracting Parties have confirmed that they implemented the HS 2002 by the end of March 2002.
5. 17 others administrations have notified the Secretariat of the approximate dates of implementation of the HS 2002. The Secretariat is awaiting the notification of the effective dates of implementation. These countries are listed below and after each country the Secretariat has indicated the probable month of implementation. The list comprises : Malaysia and Malta (February 2002), Fiji, Iran and Jordan (March 2002), Belarus, Indonesia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Myanmar and Tunisia (April 2002), Bangladesh, Kenya, Morocco and Pakistan (July 2002), Cuba and Maldives (January 2003).
6. Zambia has informed the Secretariat that it will implement the HS 2002 as soon as its Parliament resumes its activities. Rwanda has indicated that it will be in a position to implement the 2002 version of the Harmonized System as soon as it is available in the UNCTAD ASYCUDA operating system used by Rwanda. While six other Contracting Parties to the HS Convention responded to the Secretariat, they have still not notified the Secretariat of the probable date of implementation of the HS 2002 in their countries. The remaining 25 countries have not yet responded to the Secretariat as of the end of March 2002.
7. Four administrations (Azerbaijan, Hungary, Iran and Norway) have accepted the Recommendation on the Use of Standard Units of Quantity of June 2001. Norway is the only one of the 22 administrations that had already accepted the previous Recommendation (June 1999) to also accept the new one. The Secretariat invites the remaining 21 administrations, as well as other Members, to notify it as soon as possible of their acceptance of this Recommendation.
8. During the intersession, Cyprus accepted the 1999 Recommendation on Ozone Layer Depleting Substances, Cyprus and Pakistan accepted the Recommendation on Pre-entry Classification Information, Pakistan also accepted the Recommendation on the Good Classification Work Model and, finally, Azerbaijan and Morocco are the only administrations to have accepted the Recommendation on the Application of HSC Decisions.

9. All the administrations that have already implemented the HS 2002 Recommendation are requested to provide the Secretariat with a copy of the 2002 version of their HS-based statistical nomenclatures or Customs tariffs as soon as possible. Those who are not yet applying it should provide the Secretariat with their Customs tariff or statistical nomenclature as soon as it becomes available.

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Country / Customs Union	HS Contracting Parties		HS 2002 Implementation	Acceptance of Recommendations (by date of receipt of the notifications)								HS-based Tariffs available in the Secretariat	
	Date of Accession	Date of entry into force	Date of Implementation	Ozone 1995 / 1999	Units of Quantity 2001	Pre-entry Classification 1996	Chemical Weapons 1996 (Amend. 99)	Application of HSC Decisions 2001	UNSD Trade Data 1997	Good Classification Work Model 1998	Hand-made Products 2000	Language	Version
Algeria	24-10-1991	01-01-1992	01-01-2002									French	1999
Argentina	11-01-1994	11-01-1994	N/A	17-09-1996		18-03-1997	14-08-1998					Spanish	1996
Australia	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002									English	1996
Austria	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(EC German)	(2001)
Azerbaijan	07-07-2000	07-07-2000	01-01-2002		16-01-2002			16-01-2002				(CIS Russian)	(1996)
Bahrain	14-12-2001	01-01-2002	01-01-2002									Arabic / English (GCC)	2002
Bangladesh	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	(01-07-2002)									English	1996
Belarus	21-10-1998	01-01-2000	(01-04-2002)									Russian	1997
Belgium	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						French (BLEU)	2002
Botswana	13-02-1987	01-01-1988	15-03-2002										
Brazil	08-11-1988	01-01-1989	01-01-2002	19-06-1996		12-07-1996	24-04-1998					Portuguese (MERCOSUL)	1997
Bulgaria	30-10-1990	01-01-1992	01-01-2002	20-02-1996								Bulgarian English	2000 1996
Burkina Faso	25-09-1990	01-01-1992	N/A									French (ECOWAS)	1998
Cameroon	16-05-1988	01-07-1989	(?)						25-03-1998			(CEMAC French)	(1998)
Canada	14-12-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002	23-03-1998		18-09-1996	23-03-1998		29-09-1998	05-05-1999	14-02-2001	English French	2002 2002
Central African Rep.	11-06-1998	18-05-1998	(?)									(CEMAC French)	(1998)
Chad	05-09-1990	01-01-1992	(?)									(CEMAC French)	(1998)
China	23-06-1992	01-01-1993	01-01-2002									Chinese / English	2001

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Congo (Dem. Rep. of the)	10-11-1987	01-01-1988	(?)									French	1997
Côte d'Ivoire	25-01-1990	01-01-1991	(?)									(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Croatia	29-09-1994	29-09-1994	01-01-2002									Croatian English	1996 1996
Cuba	03-11-1995	01-01-1997	(01-01-2003)	23-07-1996		09-02-1998	09-02-1998					Spanish	1998
Cyprus	21-03-1994	21-03-1994	01-01-2002	22-01-2002		22-01-2002						English	2000
Czech Rep.	16-11-1993	16-11-1993	01-01-2002						07-08-2001			Czech	1999
Denmark	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						Danish	(2001)
Egypt	27-05-1999	01-01-2001	(?)									Arabic	1994
Estonia	26-05-1993	01-01-1995	01-01-2002	13-11-1995					08-12-1997			Estonian	1996
Ethiopia	01-03-1995	01-03-1995	(?)									Ethiopian / English	1998
Fiji	23-12-1997	01-01-1998	(01-03-2002)									English	1997
Finland	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						English	(2001)
France	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(EC French)	(2001)
Gabon	07-07-2000	01-01-2002 (*)	(?)									(CEMAC French)	(1998)
Germany	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						German	(2001)
Greece	15-07-1988	01-01-1990	01-01-2002	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(EC Greek)	(2001)
Guinea	23-09-1997	01-01-1998	(?)									French (ECOWAS)	1998
Haiti	17-01-2000	17-01-2000	(?)									French	1996
Hungary	27-08-1990	01-01-1991	01-01-2002	16-11-1999	18-03-2002		16-11-1999 (1999)		13-01-1998			Hungarian	1996
Iceland	28-10-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002									Icelandic English	1994 1994
India	23-06-1986	01-01-1988	01-01-2002									English	2000

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Indonesia	05-07-1993	01-01-1995	(01-04-2002)	30-10-1998								Indonesian / English	1996
Iran	28-02-1995	01-01-1997	(21-03-2002)		19-01-2002					10-03-1999		Farsi	1998
Ireland	22-12-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(EC English)	(2001)
Israel	05-08-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002									English	1997
Italy	31-05-1989	01-01-1991	01-01-2002	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						Italian	(2001)
Japan	22-06-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002			24-03-1997						Japanese / English	2000
Jordan	10-06-1985	01-01-1988	(01-03-2002)									English	1997
Kenya	29-07-1988	01-07-1989	(01-07-2002)									English	1996
Korea (Rep. of)	27-11-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002	26-10-1998		07-08-1996	07-08-1996		26-10-1998			Korean / English	1999
Latvia	04-01-1996	01-06-1996	01-01-2002	10-11-2000		19-07-1999			25-01-1999			Latvian English	1997 2002
Lebanon	03-05-1996	03-05-1996	01-01-2002										
Lesotho	12-12-1985	01-01-1988	01-01-2002									English	1993
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	17-05-1993	01-01-1995	(30-04-2002)									Arabic	1998
Lithuania	20-06-1994	01-01-1995	01-01-2002	03-08-1998		25-08-1997			08-12-1997	09-11-1998		Lithuanian	1997
Luxembourg	11-07-1988	11-07-1988	01-01-2002	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(BLEU French)	(2002)
The Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	31-03-1995	31-03-1995	01-01-2002									Macedonian	2002
Madagascar	22-12-1987	01-01-1988	N/A									French	2000
Malawi	25-10-1988	01-04-1989	(?)									English	1995
Malaysia	15-12-1987	01-01-1988	(01-02-2002)			10-06-1997						English	1996
Maldives	07-07-2000	01-01-2002 (*)	(01-01-2003)									English	2000
Mali	15-06-1994	01-01-1995	(?)									French	1997

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Malta	20-12-1989	01-01-1990	(28-02-2002)						27-01-1998			English	1997
Mauritania	03-04-2001	01-01-2003 (*)	(?)									French	2000
Mauritius	10-06-1985	01-01-1988	01-01-2002						15-11-1999			English	1996
Mexico	06-09-1991	06-03-1992	(01-04-2002)			20-08-1996						Spanish	1996
Mongolia	30-09-1991	01-01-1993	(?)									Mongolian / Russian / English	1998
Morocco	27-02-1992	01-07-1992	(01-07-2002)					25-02-2002			24-04-2001	French	1997
Myanmar	05-12-1994	01-01-1995	(01-04-2002)	20-09-1995								English	1996
Netherlands	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(EC Dutch)	(2001)
New Zealand	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002									English	2002
Niger	16-03-1990	01-01-1991	(?)									French (ECOWAS)	1998
Nigeria	15-03-1988	15-03-1988	(?)						12-02-1998			(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Norway	27-08-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002	08-12-1999	19-12-2001	18-09-1996			07-01-1998			Norwegian	2002
Pakistan	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	(01-07-2002)			03-12-2001				03-12-2001		English	2001
Panama	24-08-1998	01-01-2000	(?)										
Peru	09-07-1998	01-01-2000	01-01-2002	13-02-2001			13-02-2001					Spanish (CAN) English	1998 1999
Philippines	28-06-2001	28-06-2001	(?)									English	2001
Poland	12-09-1995	01-01-1996	01-01-2002			03-07-2001						Polish English	2002 1996
Portugal	04-11-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(EC Portuguese)	(2001)
Romania	05-12-1996	01-01-1997	01-01-2002			23-06-1997						Romanian	1997
Russia	18-06-1996	01-01-1997	01-01-2002									Russian English	2000 1994
Rwanda	29-07-1992	01-01-1994	N/A										

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Saudi Arabia	10-03-1988	01-01-1990	01-01-2002	08-01-2001					30-08-2001			Arabic	2002
Senegal	21-09-1989	01-01-1991	N/A									(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Slovakia	07-06-1993	07-06-1993	01-01-2002			04-06-1997			08-11-2000			Slovak English	1997 2001
Slovenia	23-11-1992	23-11-1992	01-01-2002			02-06-1997						Slovene	1996
South Africa	25-11-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002						06-03-1998			English	1998
Spain	28-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(EC Spanish)	(2001)
Sri Lanka	03-05-1988	01-01-1989	23-03-2002									English	1999
Sudan	10-12-1993	10-12-1993	(?)									Arabic	1992
Swaziland	26-11-1985	01-01-1988	(?)										
Sweden	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(EC Swedish)	(2001)
Switzerland	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002	18-09-2000		06-02-1997			11-02-1998			French	2001
Thailand	16-12-1991	01-01-1993	01-01-2002									Thai / English	2002
Togo	12-02-1990	01-01-1991	(?)									(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Tunisia	28-10-1987	01-01-1989	(01-04-2002)			12-09-1997							
Turkey	15-12-1988	01-01-1989	01-01-2002	06-10-1997		06-10-1997	06-10-1997		24-07-1998			English	1997
Uganda	11-07-1989	01-01-1991	(?)									English	1997
United Kingdom	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(EC English)	(2001)
United States	31-10-1988	01-01-1989	10-01-2002			27-02-1997			06-11-1998	06-11-1998		English	1999
Uzbekistan	17-11-1998	01-01-2000	N/A										
Venezuela	23-10-1998	02-11-1998	(?)									Spanish	1999
Viet Nam	26-03-1998	01-01-2000	(?)									Vietnamese / English	1996
Yugoslavia	09-01-2002	09-01-2002	N/A										
Zambia	22-12-1986	01-01-1988	N/A									English	1997
Zimbabwe	05-11-1986	01-01-1988	(?)									English	1997

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European Community (EC)	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-2002	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						Danish Dutch English Finnish French German Greek Italian Portuguese Spanish Swedish	2002 2002 2002 2002 2002 2002 2002 2002 2002 2002
TOTAL		106	56	34	4	37	8	2	18	5	2		75
		(*) Unless an earlier date is specified	() not yet notified the effective date of implementation N/A Not yet ready to implement (?) No response										

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Albania											
Andorra											
Antigua and Barbuda										(CARICOM English)	(1993)
Bahamas										English	1996
Barbados										(CARICOM English)	(1993)
Belize										(CARICOM English)	(1993)
Benin										(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Bermuda										English	1997
Bolivia							10-10-2000			Spanish (CAN)	1999
Brunei Darussalam										English	1991
Cape Verde										Portuguese (ECOWAS)	1998
Chile										Spanish	1989
Colombia										Spanish	1996
Comoros										French	1993
Congo (Rep. of the)										(CEMAC French)	(1998)
Cook Islands										English	1989
Costa Rica										Spanish	1998
Djibouti											
Dominica										(CARICOM English)	(1993)
Dominican Rep.											
Ecuador											
El Salvador											

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Equatorial Guinea										(CEMAC French)	(1998)
Gambia										(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Georgia	X										
Ghana										(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Grenada										(CARICOM English)	(1993)
Guatemala											
Guinea Bissau										(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Guyana										(CARICOM English)	(1993)
Honduras											
Hong Kong, China										English Chinese	1996 1996
Jamaica										English	1993
Kazakhstan										English	1996
Kiribati										English	1989
Kuwait				21-05-1997						Arabic (GCC)	2001
Liberia										(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Liechtenstein											
Macau, China	X									Chinese / Portuguese / English	2002
Mozambique										Portuguese	1991
Namibia											
Nepal										English	2001
New Caledonia (French Territory)											

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Nicaragua											
Niue										English	1988
Papua New Guinea											
Paraguay										(MERCOSUR Spanish)	(1996)
Polynesia (French Territory)											
Qatar										Arabic (GCC)	1999
Saint Kitts and Nevis										(CARICOM English)	(1993)
Saint Lucia										(CARICOM English)	(1993)
Saint Pierre and Miquelon (French Territory)											
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines										English	1998
Sierra Leone										English (ECOWAS)	1998
Singapore										English	1996
Solomon Islands										English	1998
Suriname										(CARICOM English)	(1993)
Syrian Arab Rep.										Arabic	2001
Tanzania										English	1996
Tonga										English	1995
Trinidad and Tobago										English	1993
Tuvalu										English	1989
Ukraine										Ukrainian	1993
United Arab Emirates										Arabic (GCC)	1999
Uruguay										(MERCOSUR Spanish)	(1996)

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Vanuatu											
Wallis and Futuna Islands (French Territory)											
Yemen										Arabic	1997
Andean Community (CAN)	(X)	(13-08-1999)	(13-08-1999)		(13-08-1999)					Spanish	2001
Caribbean Community (CARICOM)										English	1993
Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC)										French	1998
Commonwealth of the Independent States (CIS)										Russian	1996
Economic Community of Western African States (ECOWAS)										(English) (French) (Portuguese)	(1998) (1998) (1998)
Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)										(Arabic / English)	(2001)
Latin American Integration Association (ALADI)										Spanish	1996
Southern Cone Common Market (MERCOSUR)	(X)									Spanish (Portuguese)	1996 (1997)
TOTAL : 68 Countries + 8 Unions	2			1			1				38
GRAND TOTAL : 106 Contracting Parties + 76 Applications	58	34	4	38	8	2	19	5	2		113
	(X) Not counted in the total										