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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 the HS-related Recommendations and the use of the HS by non-Contracting Party administrations is summarised 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>	103	Mauritania
<u>Implementation of 1996 amendments</u>	99 of 100	Egypt, Sudan
<u>Recommendations</u>		
Ozone Layer Depleting Substances	33	Latvia, Peru, Saudi Arabia
Use of Standard Units of Quantity	22	Mauritius, Norway, Peru, Slovak Rep., Sudan
Pre-entry Classification Information	35	
Chemical Weapons Convention	8	Peru
Narcotic Drugs	9	Peru
Reporting Trade Data	17	Mauritius, Slovak Rep.

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Good Classification Work Model	4	
Hand-made Products	1	Canada
<u>Use of the HS by Non-Contracting Party Administrations and Customs or Economic Unions</u>	76	(30 administrations use the 1996 version)

2. The Committee is invited to welcome Mauritania as the 103rd Contracting Party to the HS Convention. The Committee is requested to note that the Convention will enter into force in respect of Mauritania on 1 January 2003 unless an earlier date is specified in accordance with Article 13.2 of the Convention.
3. Egypt and Sudan notified the Secretariat of the implementation of the 1996 Amendments to the HS. No information was received from Rwanda in this regard. Gabon and the Maldives are expected to implement the 2002 version of the HS on 1 January 2002, which is the date of entry into force of the HS Convention in respect of these two Members.
4. At the suggestion of the EC Delegate at the 26th Session, the Secretariat invited the administrations which had announced their acceptance of certain recommendations in the HS Committee or at Council Sessions to send a formal notification to the Secretariat in writing. As no response was received from those administrations, their names were deleted from the Annex to this document.
5. The Secretariat would like to congratulate Canada as the first Contracting Party who accepted and implemented the new Recommendation on Hand-made Products.
6. It should be noted that the Committee has been invited to renew the Recommendation on the Use of Standard Units of Quantity (and possibly the recommendation on Narcotic Drugs) in accordance with the 2002 HS amendments (see Agenda Item IV.3). The result of this study will be notified to the Members immediately after the next Council Sessions.
7. The Secretariat once again strongly urges administrations to accept the other HS-related Council Recommendations as soon as possible and to notify the Secretary General accordingly.
8. During the intersession, several administrations have sent the latest version 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 once they are updated.

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(Contracting Parties)

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Country / Customs Union	HS Contracting Parties		HS 96 Implementation	Acceptance of Recommendations (by date of receipt of the notifications)								HS-based Tariffs available in the Secretariat	
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Algeria	24-10-1991	01-01-1992	01-01-1996									French	1999
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				Spanish	1996
Australia	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-07-1996									English	1996
Austria	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(EC German)	(2001)
Azerbaijan	07-07-2000	07-07-2000	07-07-2000									(CIS Russian)	(1996)
Bangladesh	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996									English	1996
Belarus	21-10-1998	01-01-2000	01-01-2000									Russian	1995
Belgium	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(BLEU French)	2001
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				Portuguese (MERCOSUL)	1997
Bulgaria	30-10-1990	01-01-1992	01-01-1996	20-02-1996								Bulgarian English	2000 1996
Burkina Faso	25-09-1990	01-01-1992	01-01-1998									French (ECOWAS)	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	05-05-1999	14-02-2001	English French	2001 2001
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							Chinese / English	2001
Congo (Dem. Rep. of the)	10-11-1987	01-01-1988	01-1997									French	1997
Côte d'Ivoire	25-01-1990	01-01-1991	01-07-1996									(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Croatia	29-09-1994	29-09-1994	01-07-1996									Croatian English	1996 1996
Cuba	03-11-1995	01-01-1997	01-01-1997	23-07-1996		09-02-1998	09-02-1998	09-02-1998				Spanish	1998
Cyprus	21-03-1994	21-03-1994	01-01-1996		10-03-1998							English	2000
Czech Rep.	16-11-1993	16-11-1993	01-01-1996									Czech	1999
Denmark	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						Danish	(2001)

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Egypt	27-05-1999	01-01-2001	01-01-2001									Arabic	1994
Estonia	26-05-1993	01-01-1995	01-01-1996	13-11-1995	13-11-1995				08-12-1997			Estonian	1996
Ethiopia	01-03-1995	01-03-1995	02-1998		13-05-1997							Ethiopian / English	1998
Fiji	23-12-1997	01-01-1998	01-01-1998									English	1997
Finland	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(EC Finnish)	(2001)
France	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(EC French)	(2001)
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						(EC German)	(2001)
Greece	15-07-1988	01-01-1990	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(EC Greek)	(2001)
Guinea	23-09-1997	01-01-1998	01-01-1998									French (ECOWAS)	1998
Haiti	17-01-2000	17-01-2000	17-01-2000									French	1996
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			Hungarian	1996
Iceland	28-10-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996									Icelandic English	1994 1994
India	23-06-1986	01-01-1988	01-01-1996									English	2000
Indonesia	05-07-1993	01-01-1995	01-01-1996	30-10-1998								Indonesian / English	1996
Iran	28-02-1995	01-01-1997	15-11-1998							10-03-1999		Farsi	1998
Ireland	22-12-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(EC English)	(2001)
Israel	05-08-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996									English	1997
Italy	31-05-1989	01-01-1991	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(EC Italian)	(2001)
Japan	22-06-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996			24-03-1997						Japanese / English	2000
Jordan	10-06-1985	01-01-1988	02-03-1997									English	1997
Kenya	29-07-1988	01-07-1989	01-01-1996									English	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			Korean / English	1996
Latvia	04-01-1996	01-06-1996	01-07-1996	10-11-2000	25-01-1999	19-07-1999			25-01-1999			Latvian English	1997 1997

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

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Pakistan	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-07-1996		03-01-1996							English	1997
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				Spanish English	1998 1999
Poland	12-09-1995	01-01-1996	01-01-1996									Polish English	1996 1996
Portugal	04-11-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(EC Portuguese)	(2001)
Romania	05-12-1996	01-01-1997	01-01-1997		31-08-1995	23-06-1997						Romanian	1997
Russia	18-06-1996	01-01-1997	01-01-1997									Russian English	2000 1994
Rwanda	29-07-1992	01-01-1994	(?)										
Saudi Arabia	10-03-1988	01-01-1990	01-01-1999	08-01-2001								(GCC Arabic)	(1999)
Senegal	21-09-1989	01-01-1991	03-1996									(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Slovakia	07-06-1993	07-06-1993	01-01-1996		09-11-2000 (1999)	04-06-1997			09-11-2000			Slovak English	1997 2001
Slovenia	23-11-1992	23-11-1992	01-01-1996			02-06-1997						Slovene	1996
South Africa	25-11-1987	01-01-1988	22-03-1996						06-03-1998			English	1998
Spain	28-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(EC Spanish)	(2001)
Sri Lanka	03-05-1988	01-01-1989	01-01-1996									English	1999
Sudan	10-12-1993	10-12-1993	01-01-1998		08-01-2001							Arabic	1992
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						(EC Swedish)	(2001)
Switzerland	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	18-09-2000 (1999)		06-02-1997			11-02-1998			French	2001
Thailand	16-12-1991	01-01-1993	01-01-1999									Thai / English	1999
Togo	12-02-1990	01-01-1991	01-01-1998									(ECOWAS)	(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			English	1997
Uganda	11-07-1989	01-01-1991	01-01-1996									English	1997
United Kingdom	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						(EC English)	(2001)

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United States	31-10-1988	01-01-1989	01-01-1996		15-05-1997	27-02-1997			06-11-1998	06-11-1998		English French	1999 1997
Uzbekistan	17-11-1998	01-01-2000	01-01-2000										
Venezuela	23-10-1998	02-11-1998	02-11-1998					09-04-1999				Spanish	1999
Viet Nam	26-03-1998	01-01-2000	01-01-2000									Vietnamese / English	1996
Zambia	22-12-1986	01-01-1988	26-01-1996									English	1997
Zimbabwe	05-11-1986	01-01-1988	01-07-1996									English	1997
European Community (EC)	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997						Danish Dutch English Finnish French German Greek Italian Portuguese Spanish Swedish	2001 2001 2001 2001 2001 2001 2001 2001 2001 2001 2001
TOTAL		103	99	33	21	34	8	8	16	4	1		75
		(* 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									English	1996
Bahrain										Arabic	1995
Barbados	X										
Belize											
Benin	X									(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Bermuda										English	1997
Bolivia	X		10-10-2000			10-10-2000	10-10-2000			Spanish (CAN)	1999
Brunei Darussalam	X									English	1991
Cape Verde	X									Portuguese (ECOWAS)	1998
Chile	X									Spanish	1989
Colombia	X									Spanish	1996
Comoros										French	1993
Congo (Rep. of the)											
Cook Islands										English	1989
Costa Rica	X										
Djibouti											
Dominica											
Dominican Rep.											
Ecuador	X										
El Salvador											
Equatorial Guinea											
Gambia	X									(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Ghana	X									(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Grenada											
Guatemala											
Guinea Bissau	X									(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Guyana											
Honduras											
Hong Kong, China	X									English	1996

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										Chinese	1996
Jamaica										English	1993
Kazakhstan	X									English	1996
Kiribati										English	1989
Kuwait				21-05-1997						Arabic	1994
Liberia	X									(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Liechtenstein											
Macau, China	X									English / Portuguese / Chinese	1996
Mozambique										Portuguese	1991
Namibia	X										
Nepal	X									English	2001
New Caledonia (French Territory)											
Nicaragua											
Niue										English	1988
Papua New Guinea	X										
Paraguay											
Philippines	X									English	1996
Polynesia (French Territory)											
Qatar											
Saint Kitts and Nevis											
Saint Lucia											
Saint Pierre and Miquelon (French Territory)											
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	X									English	1998
Sierra Leone	X									English (ECOWAS)	1998
Singapore	X									English	1996
Solomon Islands										English	1998
Suriname											
Syrian Arab Rep.											
Tanzania	X									English	1996

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Tonga										English	1995
Trinidad and Tobago										English	1993
Tuvalu										English	1989
Ukraine	X									Ukrainian	1993
United Arab Emirates	X									Arabic	1997
Uruguay	X										
Vanuatu											
Wallis and Futuna Islands (French Territory)											
Yemen	X									Arabic	1997
Andean Community (CAN)	(X)									Spanish / English	1999
Caribbean Community (CARICOM)										English	1993
Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC)	(X)									French	1998
Commonwealth of the Independent States (CIS)	(X)									Russian	1996
Economic Community of Western African States (ECOWAS)	(X)									(English) (French) (Portuguese)	(1998) (1998) (1998)
Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)	(X)									Arabic	1999
Latin American Integration Association (LAIA)	(X)									Spanish	1996
Southern Cone Common Market (MERCOSUR)	(X)									Spanish (Portuguese)	1996 (1997)
TOTAL : 68 Countries + 8 Unions	30		1	1		1	1				38
GRAND TOTAL : 103 Contracting Parties + 76 Applications	129	33	22	35	8	9	17	4	1		113
	(X) Not counted in the total										