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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>	99	Haiti
<u>Implementation of 1996 amendments</u>	98/96	
<u>Recommendations</u>		
Ozone Layer Depleting Substances	28 (1995 version) 2 (1999 version)	Hungary and Norway
Use of Standard Units of Quantity	15	
Pre-entry Classification Information	37	
Chemical Weapons Convention	7	Hungary (as amended in 1999)
Narcotic Drugs	7	Hungary and Norway (as amended in 1999)
Reporting Trade Data	14	
Good Classification Work Model	4	

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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>	78	(30 administrations/unions use the 1996 version)

2. The Committee is invited to welcome Haiti as the 99th Contracting Party to the HS Convention. The Committee is requested to note that, Haiti had signed the Convention subject to ratification. As specified by Haiti, the Convention legally entered into force in respect of it on 17 January 2000, the date of receipt of its instrument of ratification by the Secretary General.
3. Two Contracting Parties have not yet informed the Secretariat about the date of implementation of the 1996 Amendments to the HS.
4. On the basis of a letter recently received from Portugal, the Committee is informed that the international responsibilities of Portugal in respect of the application of the Harmonized System by Macau terminated on 20 December 1999.
5. At the 24th Session, the Secretariat had informed the Committee that amendments to the Council Recommendations on (i) Standard Units of Quantity, (ii) Chemical Weapons and (iii) Narcotic Drugs, as well as the new Council Recommendation on Ozone Layer Depleting Substances (replacing the 1995 Recommendation) have been notified to the WCO Members on 25 June 1999. So far, however, the Secretariat has received a few notifications from Members as to their acceptance. As the reason behind those amendments was basically to facilitate the acceptance of these Recommendations, the Secretariat strongly urges administrations to accept them, as well as the other Council Recommendations, as soon as possible.
6. During the intersession, several administrations have sent the latest version of their HS-based Customs tariffs or statistical nomenclatures to the Secretariat. The Secretariat requests all administrations to provide a copy of the latest versions of their Customs tariffs or statistical nomenclatures to the Secretariat once they are updated.

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HS POSITION as of 25-02-2000
(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	
	Date of Accession	Date of entry into force	Date of Implementation	Ozone 1995 (1999)	Units of Quantity 1995 (Amend. 99)	Pre-entry Classification 1996	Chemical Weapons 1996 (Amend. 99)	Narcotic Drugs 1996 (Amend. 99)	UNSD Trade Data 1997	Good Classification Work Model 1998	Language	Version
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)	(1998)
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					French (BLEU)	2000
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							English	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	English French	1999 1999
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	1998
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	1999
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	2000
Egypt	27-05-1999	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					English	1991

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France	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997					(EC French)	(1998)
Germany	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997					German	1998
Greece	15-07-1988	01-01-1990	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997					(EC Greek)	(1998)
Guinea	23-09-1997	01-01-1998	01-01-1998								French (ECOWAS)	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		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	1990
Indonesia	05-07-1993	01-01-1995	01-01-1996	30-10-1998		June 1997 (*)					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)	(1998)
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					Italian	1999
Japan	22-06-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996			24-03-1997					Japanese / English	1999
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		07-08-1996	07-08-1996		26-10-1998		Korean / English	1996
Latvia	04-01-1996	01-06-1996	01-07-1996		25-01-1999	19-07-1999			25-01-1999		Latvian English	1997 1997
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)	(2000)
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	1999
Malawi	25-10-1988	01-04-1989	01-06-1996		15-12-1995						English	1995

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Malaysia	15-12-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996			10-06-1997					English	1996
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
Mauritius	10-06-1985	01-01-1988	07-06-1997								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								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)	(1998)
New Zealand	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996								English	1999
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)		18-09-1996		04-11-1999 (1999)	07-01-1998		Norwegian	2000
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								Spanish	1998
Poland	12-09-1995	01-01-1996	01-01-1996			June 1998 (*)					Polish English	1996 1996
Portugal	04-11-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997					(EC Portuguese)	(1998)
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	1997 1994
Rwanda	29-07-1992	01-01-1994	(?)									
Saudi Arabia	10-03-1988	01-01-1990	01-01-1999								(GCC Arabic)	(1999)
Senegal	21-09-1989	01-01-1991	03-1996								(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Slovakia	07-06-1993	07-06-1993	01-01-1996			04-06-1997					Slovak	1997
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)	(1998)
Sri Lanka	03-05-1988	01-01-1989	01-01-1996		Nov. 1997 (*)						English	1999
Sudan	10-12-1993	10-12-1993	(?)								Arabic	1992
Swaziland	26-11-1985	01-01-1988	22-03-1996									

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Sweden	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997					(EC Swedish)	(1998)
Switzerland	22-09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	08-12-1995		06-02-1997			11-02-1998		French	2000
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)	(1998)
United States	31-10-1988	01-01-1989	01-01-1996		15-05-1997	27-02-1997			06-11-1998	06-11-1998	English	1999
Uzbekistan	17-11-1998	01-01-2000	17-11-1998									
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									
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	2000 2000 2000 2000 2000 2000 2000 2000 2000 2000
TOTAL	99		96	30	15	36	7	7	14	4		71
			(?) HS 96 Implementation not yet notified		(*) Announced at the HS Committee (20th Session)	(*) Announced at the Council Session						

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Albania	X									
Antigua and Barbuda										
Azerbaijan	X								(CIS Russian)	(1996)
Bahamas	X								English	1996
Bahrain									Arabic	1995
Barbados	X									
Belize										
Benin	X								(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Bermuda									English	1997
Bolivia	X								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										
Gabon										
Gambia	X								(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Ghana	X								(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Grenada										
Guatemala										
Guinea Bissau	X								(ECOWAS)	(1998)
Guyana										
Honduras										
Hong Kong, China	X								English Chinese	1996 1996
Jamaica									English	1993

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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	1998
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
Tonga									English	1995
Trinidad and Tobago									English	1993
Tuvalu									English	1989
Ukraine									Ukrainian	1993
United Arab Emirates	X								Arabic	1997
Uruguay	X									

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Vanuatu										
Wallis and Futuna Islands (French Territory)										
Yemen	X								Arabic	1997
Andean Community (CAN)	(X)								Spanish	1998
Caribbean Community (CARICOM)									English	1993
Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC) (former CACEU)	(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 : 70 Countries + 8 Unions	30			1						38
GRAND TOTAL : 99 Contracting Parties + 78 Applications	126	30	15	37	7	7	14	4		109
	(X) Not counted in the total									