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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>	102	Azerbaijan, Gabon and Maldives
<u>Implementation of 1996 amendments</u>	97 of 99	
<u>Recommendations</u>		
Ozone Layer Depleting Substances	27 (1995 version) 3 (1999 version)	Switzerland
Use of Standard Units of Quantity	18	Bolivia, Korea (Rep. of) and Morocco
Pre-entry Classification Information	37	
Chemical Weapons Convention	7	Bolivia
Narcotic Drugs	8	
Reporting Trade Data	15	Bolivia
Good Classification Work Model	4	
Hand-made Products	0	

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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>	77	Mauritania (31 administrations use the 1996 version)

2. The Committee is invited to welcome Azerbaijan, Gabon and the Maldives as new Contracting Parties to the HS Convention. The Committee is requested to note that the Convention entered into force in respect of Azerbaijan on 7 July 2000. Unless an earlier date is specified by Gabon and the Maldives in accordance with Article 13.2 thereof, the Convention will enter into force in respect of these countries on 1 January 2002.
3. Rwanda and Sudan have not yet informed the Secretariat about the date of implementation of the 1996 Amendments to the HS.
4. The WCO Council adopted the new Recommendation on Hand-made Products at its 95th/96th Sessions in July 2000. So far, no notification has been received as regards the acceptance of this Recommendation.
5. The Secretariat would like to draw the attention of the Committee to the fact that the Council Recommendations on (i) Standard Units of Quantity, (ii) Chemical Weapons and (iii) Narcotic Drugs were amended in 1999 to facilitate their acceptance. However, the acceptance of these Recommendations is still low. The Secretariat strongly urges administrations to accept them, as well as the other Council Recommendations, as soon as possible and notify the Secretary General accordingly.
6. 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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HS POSITION as of 13-10-2000
(Contracting Parties)

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IS Contracting Parties		HS 96 Implementation	Acceptance of Recommendations (by date of receipt of the notifications)							HS av
Date of Session	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	Lang
05-1993	01-01-1995	01-01-1998								Arabic
06-1994	01-01-1995	01-07-1996	03-08-1998	15-01-1998	25-08-1997			08-12-1997	09-11-1998	Lithuanian
07-1988	11-07-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997					(BLEU I)
03-1995	31-03-1995	15-08-1996								Macedonian
02-1987	01-01-1988	01-04-1996								French
04-1988	01-04-1989	01-06-1996		15-12-1995						English
02-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996			10-06-1997					English
07-2000	01-01-2002 (*)	[01-01-2002]								
06-1994	01-01-1995	01-01-1998								(ECOW)
02-1989	01-01-1990	01-01-1996		21-11-1997				27-01-1998		English
06-1985	01-01-1988	07-06-1997								English
09-1991	06-03-1992	01-01-1996			20-08-1996					Spanish
09-1991	01-01-1993	01-07-1996								Mongolian Russian English
02-1992	01-07-1992	01-07-1996		26-07-2000 (1999)						French
02-1994	01-01-1995	01-01-1996	20-09-1995	05-08-1997						English
09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997					(EC Du)
09-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996								English
03-1990	01-01-1991	06-03-1998								French (ECOW)
03-1988	15-03-1988	01-01-1996						12-02-1998		(ECOW)
08-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	08-12-1999 (1999)		18-09-1996		04-11-1999 (1999)	07-01-1998		Norwegian
09-1987	01-01-1988	01-07-1996		03-01-1996						English
08-1998	01-01-2000	01-01-2000								
07-1998	01-01-2000	01-01-2000								Spanish
09-1995	01-01-1996	01-01-1996			June 1998 (*)					Polish English

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19-1987	01-01-1988	01-01-1996	07-10-1996		07-01-1997					Danish Dutch English Finnish French German Greek Italian Portuguese Spanish Swedish
	102	97	30	17	36	7	7	14	4	
	(*) Unless an earlier date is specified	(?) Not yet notified [] Date of entry into force		(*) Announced at the HS Committee (20th Session)	(*) Announced at the Council Session					

