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Overview of legal arrangements for international road transport in ESCAP region

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Presentation outline

- International conventions related to transport facilitation;
- □ Subregional agreements;
- Bilateral agreements;
- Acts of domestic legislation

International conventions: UNESCAP resolution 48/11, adopted in 1992

Recommendation to consider accession to the following international conventions facilitating road transport:

- ☐ The Convention on Road Traffic, 1968
- □ The Convention on Road Signs and Signals, 1968
- ☐ The Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention), 1975
- ☐ The Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Commercial Road Vehicles, 1956
- □ The Customs Convention on Containers, 1972
- □ The International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982
- ☐ The Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR), 1956

Additions to the list of international conventions recommended for accession (based on the study undertaken by UNESCAP secretariat in 2006)

- ☐ The 1978 Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road
- □ The International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures, as Amended (Revised Kyoto Convention), 1973
- ☐ The Convention on Temporary Admission (Istanbul Convention), 1990

Status of accession to main international conventions by the countries of the region

Name of the convention	Number of countries of the region acceded as of 6 December 2013
The Convention on Road Traffic, 1968	14 (+3 signatories)
The Convention on Road Signs and Signals, 1968	13 (+3 signatories)
The Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention), 1975	15
The Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Commercial Road Vehicles, 1956	7
The Customs Convention on Containers, 1972	11
The International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982	11
The Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR), 1956	12
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The Convention on Road Traffic, 1968

- Objectives
- ☐ To facilitate international road traffic,
- □ To increase road safety,
- Key Provisions
- □ Binds Contracting Parties to admit vehicles and drivers in international traffic on their territory, but preserves their right to refuse it;
- ☐ Establishes general and specific rules for drivers:
 - To be at all times able to control their vehicles;
 - Must hold a driving permit, issued after tests; and
 - Driving rules: speed, distance, overtaking etc.
- □ Defines rules of behavior towards pedestrians, cyclists etc.;
- Establishes general rules for vehicles:
 - Must be registered, proved by a Registration Certificate; and
 - To bear the distinguishing sign of the country of registration.

The Convention on Road Traffic, 1968

- Benefits
- □ Establishes a set of agreed road traffic rules, reference for national traffic rules;
- Reciprocal recognition of vehicle certificates and driving permits;
- Facilitates international transport and tourism;
 and
- Provides for road traffic safety.

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international road traffic; and

road safety, through internationally agreed road and signals.

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ee categories of road signs:

Warning, Regulatory, Informative.

norms on shapes, dimensions, colours, visibility; norms on traffic light signals, road markings; and d works and level crossings signs.