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Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Customs Formalities for the Temporary Importation of Private Road Motor Vehicles and for Tourism. Signed at the Headquarters of the United Nations, New York, on 4 June 1954

Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring. Done at New York, on 4 June 1954

Additional Protocol to the above-mentioned Convention, relating to the importation of tourist publicity documents and material. Done at New York, on 4 June 1954

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Acte final de la Conférence des Nations Unies sur les formalités douanières concernant l'importation temporaire des véhicules de tourisme et le tourisme. Signé au Siège de l'Organisation des Nations Unies, à New-York, le 4 juin 1954

Convention sur les facilités douanières en faveur du tourisme. Faite à New-York, le 4 juin 1954

Protocole additionnel à la Convention susmentionnée, relatif à l'importation de documents et de matériel de propagande touristique. Fait à New-York, le 4 juin 1954

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No. 3992. FINAL ACT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON CUSTOMS FORMALITIES FOR THE TEMPORARY IMPORTATION OF PRIVATE ROAD MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR TOURISM. SIGNED AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, ON 4 JUNE 1954

1. The United Nations Conference on Customs Formalities for the Temporary Importation of Private Road Motor Vehicles and for Tourism was convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in accordance with resolution 468 F (XV) adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 15 April 1953. This resolution reads as follows :

“ *The Economic and Social Council,*

“ *Referring* to resolution 5 of the Transport and Communications Commission on the subject of Customs formalities for the temporary importation of private vehicles and for tourism,

“ *Instructs* the Secretary-General :

“ (a) To convene as early as possible in 1954, and preferably in Geneva, a conference of governments for the conclusion on a world-wide basis of two conventions relating to Customs formalities, namely :

- “ (i) For the temporary importation of private road motor vehicles carrying persons and the equipment of such vehicles;
- “ (ii) For tourism (i.e., the personal effects of tourists travelling by any means of transport);

“ (b) To circulate to all the governments invited to the conference :

- “ (i) The Secretary-General's report entitled ‘ Customs Formalities for the Temporary Importation of Private Vehicles and for Tourism ’ containing drafts of such conventions and comments thereon; and
- “ (ii) The relevant part of the report of the Transport and Communications Commission (sixth session);

“ (c) To invite governments which have not yet done so to transmit their comments on the texts contained in documents E/CN.2/135 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1 and 2;

“ (d) To draw up a provisional agenda for the conference and to prepare provisional rules of procedure for it :

- “ (e) (i) To invite to participate in the conference all States Members of the United Nations or any of the specialized agencies,

“(ii) To request the governments of the States invited to give their delegates full powers to sign, subject to ratification, such conventions as may be concluded at the conference;

“(f) To invite the specialized agencies, inter-governmental organizations and international organizations in this field, as may be appropriate, to send observers to the conference;

“(g) To invite territories which are not fully responsible for their foreign relations, but which are self-governing in the fields covered by the terms of reference of the conference, to attend the conference without the right to vote;

“(h) To designate an executive secretary and provide the conference with the necessary staff and services.”

2. In accordance with the terms of paragraph 1 (e) (i) of the above resolution, the following States were invited by the Secretary-General to participate in the Conference :

Afghanistan	El Salvador	Liberia
Albania	Ethiopia	Libya
Argentina	Finland	Luxembourg
Australia	France	Mexico
Austria	✓ Federal Republic	✓ Monaco
Belgium	of Germany	Nepal
Bolivia	Greece	Netherlands
Brazil	Guatemala	New Zealand
Bulgaria	Haiti	Nicaragua
Burma	Honduras	Norway
Byelorussian Soviet	Hungary	Pakistan
Socialist Republic	Iceland	Panama
Cambodia	India	Paraguay
Canada	Indonesia	Peru
Ceylon	Iran	Philippines
Chile	Iraq	Poland
China	Ireland	Portugal
Colombia	Israel	Romania
Costa Rica	Italy	✓ San Marino
Cuba	Japan	Saudi Arabia
Czechoslovakia	Hashemite Kingdom	Spain
Denmark	of the Jordan	Sweden
Dominican Republic	✓ Republic of Korea	✓ Switzerland
Ecuador	Laos	Syria
Egypt	Lebanon	Thailand

Turkey	United Kingdom of	Venezuela
Ukrainian Soviet	Great Britain and	↙ Viet-Nam
Socialist Republic	Northern Ireland	Yemen
Union of South Africa	United States of America	Yugoslavia
Union of Soviet Socialist	Uruguay	
Republics	↙ Vatican City	

3. The United Nations Conference on Customs Formalities for the Temporary Importation of Private Road Motor Vehicles and for Tourism was held at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, from 11 May to 4 June 1954.

4. The Governments of the following States were represented at the Conference by representatives :

Argentina	France	Netherlands
Australia	Federal Republic of	Panama
Austria	Germany	Peru
Belgium	Guatemala	Philippines
Bolivia	Haiti	Portugal
Burma	Honduras	San Marino
Cambodia	India	Spain
Canada	Iran	Syria
Ceylon	Israel	Sweden
Chile	Italy	Switzerland
China	Japan	United Kingdom of
Colombia	Hashemite Kingdom	Great Britain and
Costa Rica	of the Jordan	Northern Ireland
Cuba	Lebanon	United States of America
Dominican Republic	Luxembourg	Uruguay
Ecuador	Mexico	Vatican City
Egypt	Monaco	Yugoslavia

The Governments of the following States sent observers to the Conference :

Brazil	Greece	Thailand
Denmark	Hungary	Turkey
Finland	Iraq	

The following organizations were represented at the Conference :

A. *Specialized agencies:*

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

B. *Other intergovernmental organizations:*

Customs Co-operation Council,
Organization of American States,
Organization for European Economic Co-operation;

C. *Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:*

Category A:

International Chamber of Commerce;

Category B:

{ Inter-American Federation of Automobile Clubs,
{ International Automobile Federation,
{ International Touring Alliance,
International Air Transport Association,
International Road Federation,
International Union of Official Travel Organizations;

D. *Other non-governmental organizations:*

Caribbean Tourist Association.

5. In accordance with Rules 52, 54 and 55 of the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Conference, the observers and the representatives of the above-mentioned organizations participated in the work of the Conference without the right of vote.

6. The Conference elected as President Mr. Philippe de Seynes (France) and Mr. A. S. Lall (India) and Mr. Orencio Nodarse (Cuba) respectively as First and Second Vice-Chairman.

7. The Conference set up a Credentials Committee which elected as Chairman Mr. H. Scheltema (Netherlands) and two Working Parties which elected respectively as Chairmen : Mr. Franz Luethi (Switzerland) and Mr. Charles Hopchet (Belgium).

A Legal Committee was also set up, which elected Mr. G. de Sydow (Sweden) as Chairman.

8. Working Party I adopted as a basis for its discussion the provisions of the Draft International Customs Convention on Touring, prepared by the Economic Commission for Europe, which were relevant to Customs formalities for the temporary importation of private road motor vehicles;

Working Party II adopted as a basis for its discussions the Draft Convention on the Concessions and Facilities to be Granted to Tourists, submitted by the Government of France, which was based in part of the draft convention of the Economic Commission for Europe referred to above.