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CONVENTION ON THE CONTRACT FOR INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF
GOODS BY RAIL

GENEVA, 17 NOVEMBER 2023

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above-referenced Convention was adopted on 17 November 2023 at the seventy-seventh session of the Working Party on Rail Transport of the Inland Transport Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

Depositary notification C.N.510.2023.TREATIES-XI.C.8 relating to the issuance of certified true copies of the Convention has been circulated on 12 January 2024.

In accordance with its article 43, the Convention shall be open for signature at the United Nations Headquarters in New York until 31 March 2025 by all States.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, by e-mail: treatysection@un.org.

For more information on full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection website, which can be accessed at the following address: https://treaties.un.org/Pages/Resource.aspx?path=Publication/TH/Page1_en.xml.

12 January 2024

