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# Summary of the comparative study on relationship of International Conventions and Subregional Agreements on road transport facilitation

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Road transport, road traffic and Customs are interlinked in every international trade operation.

Uniformity or at least harmonization is necessary.

UNESCAP is working for it.

A Report has been made to compare International Conventions and Subregional Agreements on those subjects.

Final purpose: provide information and arguments to try those possible contradictions to disappear, and by this means, to harmonize the existing regulations for road transport in all those 28 countries.

Accession of Asian countries to those Conventions has been **recommended by UNESCAP** resolution 48/11 dated 23 April 1992. It seems that a very important step previous to such accession is the uniformity between those Subregional Agreements, binding the respective member countries, and the international Conventions.

Actually, in several agreements some of those **Conventions are explicitly referred as applicable** - in those cases of course such indication will also be made, and even the accession to some of those Conventions is expressly recommended.

That accession would be the easiest way to ensure the accordance of Subregional and Conventional rules.

### **International Conventions**

- 1. Convention on Road Traffic
- 2. Convention on Road Signs and Signals
- 3. Customs Convention on the International
  Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets
- 4. Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Commercial Road Vehicles
- 5. Customs Convention on Containers
- 6. International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods
- 7. Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road –CMR-

### **Subregional Agreements**

- A ASEAN AFAFGIT
- **B ASEAN AFAFIST**
- C ASEAN AFAMT
- D ASEAN Recogn.Comm.Veh.Insp.Certificates
- E ASEAN Recogn. Domestic Driving Licences
- F ECO TTFA
- G TRACECA Basic Multi. Agreement
- H GMS CBTA
- I CAREC CBTA

At present, many countries Contrating parties in those Subregional Agreements are already Contrating parties in those International Conventions.

That of course makes easier uniformity / harmonization.

### CONTRACTING PARTIES TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND TO SUBREGIONAL AGREEMENTS

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Brunei Darussalam									
Cambodia				X					
Indonesia	S	S	X		X				
Lao P. Democratic R.						θ			
Malaysia									
Myanmar									
Philippines	х	X							
Singapore				X					
Thailand	S	S							
Viet Nam	θ	θ							

*Notes:* **x** acceded <u>before</u> adoption of resolution 48/11 (1992).

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Islamic Republic of Iran	X	X	X			θ	θ
Kazakhstan	θ	θ	θ		θ	θ	θ
Kyrgyzstan	θ	θ	θ	θ	θ	θ	θ
Pakistan	X	X	θ				
Tajikistan	θ	θ	θ			θ	θ
Turkey	θ		X	θ	X	θ	θ
Turkmenistan	θ	θ	θ				θ
Uzbekistan	θ	θ	θ	θ	θ	θ	θ

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