

- 9.3 Upon becoming a Contracting Party:
- 9.3.1. after this Agreement has entered into force, each country or regional integration organization shall give notification in accordance with Article 7 as to which, if any, global technical regulation(s) established pursuant to Article 6 it will adopt, and as to any decision to accept products that comply with any of those global technical regulations, without adopting those Regulations into its own laws or regulations. If the established global technical regulation contains more than one level of stringency or performance, the notification shall specify which of those levels of stringency or performance is adopted or accepted by the Contracting Party.
- 9.3.2. each regional economic integration organization shall declare in matters within its competence that its Member States have transferred powers in fields covered by this Agreement, including the power to make binding decisions on their Member States.
- 9.4. Regional economic integration organizations that are Contracting Parties shall cease being Contracting Parties when they lose the powers declared in accordance with paragraph 9.3.2. of this Article and shall inform the Secretary-General thereof.

ARTICLE 10

SIGNATURE

- 10.1. This Agreement shall be open for signature beginning 25 June 1998.
- 10.2. This Agreement shall remain open for signature until its entry into force.

ARTICLE 11

ENTRY INTO FORCE

- 11.1. This Agreement and its Annexes, which constitute integral parts of the Agreement, shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30) day following the date on which a minimum of five (5) countries and/or regional economic integration organizations have become Contracting Parties pursuant to