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To: E. Molnar, O. Kervella

Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations Office in Geneva

Geneva, 15th January 2016

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Excellency,

With reference to your letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland dated 4 December 2014 regarding the appropriate authority of the Republic of Poland for signing bilateral or multilateral agreements referred to in Article 7 of the Agreement in the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP), I have the honour to provide on behalf of my Government the response as follows:

Under internal law of the Republic of Poland the process of concluding international agreements (negotiations, signature, acceptance/ratification) is usually coordinated according to the competence of organs as specified by law. At the same time, there is no general authorization for any organ to conclude or sign international agreements since all authorizations shall be made on a case-by-case basis and are valid for a specific agreement only, including the full powers necessary to sign the agreement by a given individual.

His Excellency
Christian Friis Bach
Executive Secretary
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
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Therefore, please be advised that the following contact information pertains to the entity which under Polish law is appropriate to initiate and, if authorized separately, to coordinate national legal proceedings necessary for the conclusion of agreements envisaged in the ATP, Article 7, and to receive any related notifications.

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Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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