



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION

INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA TO THE 1999 REVISED KYOTO CONVENTION ON SIMPLIFICATION AND HARMONIZATION OF CUSTOMS PROCEDURE

WHEREAS the 1999 Revised Kyoto Convention on Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedure was adopted in Kyoto on 26 June 1999;

NOW THEREFORE I, Louise MUSHIKIWABO, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, declare that the Government of the Republic of Rwanda, having considered the above mentioned Convention, accedes to the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

HOWEVER, the Republic of Rwanda made reservations on two provisions as follows:

- 1) Rwanda made a reservation on Specific Annex E, Chapter 1, recommended practice 7. This recommended practice is contrary to the Rwandan legislation which provides, under section 85 of the East African Community Customs Management Act and East African Community Customs Management Regulation 104, that before accepting a declaration of goods in transit, a form C 17 must be filled by an importer. The C 17 is a customs declaration which requires an importer to provide information relating to the description of goods, their value, their origin and calculation of taxes due.
- 2) Rwanda made a reservation on Specific Annex J, Chapter 1, recommended practice 26. This recommended practice is contrary to the Rwandan legislation which provides, under section 117 of the East African Community Customs Management Act, that an importer must furnish a guarantee (security) equal to duty chargeable on the vehicle. Recommended practice 26 is also contrary to the East African Community Customs Management Regulation 135, which requires a non-resident to submit to the Customs Authority documents relating to ownership and make a declaration in form C17.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this instrument of accession at Kigali on

October 4, 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Louise Mushikiwabo', written over a circular official stamp of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.