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Mrs. Graf-Gruber studied in Geneva at the University and at the Graduate Institute of International Studies where she obtained her Bachelor of Sciences in International Relations. She began her professional career in the transport industry by joining the International Road Transport Union (IRU) in 1997.

Mrs. Graf-Gruber worked at the IRU as head of a division implementing, at the Customs and business level, tools to assist the application of risk management, allowing Customs' electronic data exchange in real time and ensuring the sustainability of the TIR Customs Transit system. She has as well managed several high level data-processing projects with regard to computerization of business procedures in a public / private partnership environment.

Mrs. Graf-Gruber joined in 2008 the International Air Transport Association (IATA) as Manager Business Process & Standards in the Cargo Division within the Industry Distribution and Financial Services Department and is responsible for delivering the electronic document standards for the air cargo supply chain, including the development, maintenance and promotion of the standards to additionally support the IATA e-freight project. The participation to global standard activities is part of her responsibilities, to ensure that the electronic developed standards are aligned with the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) and World Customs Organisations (WCO) standards.

Mrs. Graf-Gruber has as well the responsibility to manage the tasks related to the transport of Live Animals and Perishables Cargo i.e. authoring the Live Animals Regulations and Perishable Cargo Regulations manuals. Mrs. Graf-Gruber is as well the secretary to the IATA Live Animals and Perishables Board and the Time and Temperature Task Force and is in that respect, cooperating with international organizations, such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).



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