Legal Aspects of the Computerization of the TIR procedure (eTIR)
eTIR, Legal Aspects

- Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport (WP.30)
- Group of Experts on the Computerization of the TIR Procedure
- Established, February 2015
- Mandate: 2 years
To provide a dedicated expert intergovernmental platform for the development of the eTIR legal framework
Starting Point of the work

• CP’s considered the options (amending the Convention, new Convention or Protocol)
• Protocol was selected as the preferred type of instrument
• First cluster of draft provisions already prepared (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2014/13)
Next Steps

- Identification of provisions of 1975 TIR Convention that may be affected by computerization, and appropriate amendments if necessary.
- Identification of appropriate amendment procedure for the eTIR reference model as separate technical document from the rest of the protocol.
Challenges

• Role of AC.2 and TIRExB under the new legal instrument
• Appropriate provisions on the acceptance and mutual recognition of e-signatures or other means of authentication of the sender
• Administrative and financial implications must be addressed
Working aspects of the Group of Experts

- Official languages: English, French, Russian
- All CPs can participate
- First meeting to be held on 16 and 17 November 2015 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva
- All CPs encouraged to nominate legal experts to participate
Thank you for your attention

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