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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH
SESSION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

**to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.00 hours on 19 October 2000^{*/}**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) will hold its ninety-sixth session, in conjunction with the present session of the Administrative Committee, from 16 to 20 October 2000, starting at 10.30 hours on Monday, 16 October 2000 in the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The UN/ECE Working Party will consider a large number of issues in relation to the revision of the TIR Convention and its application. Therefore, representatives of Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention, 1975, are strongly recommended to participate also in the sessions of the UN/ECE Working Party. The agenda as well as other relevant documents for the session of the UN/ECE Working Party may be obtained directly from the UN/ECE secretariat or from the TIR web site (see page 1).

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It is recalled that, according to Annex 8, Article 6 of the TIR Convention, 1975, "a quorum consisting of not less than one third of the States which are Contracting Parties is required for the purposes of taking decisions." As of 1 December 1999 the number of States, Contracting Parties to the Convention is sixty-three.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Administrative Committee may wish to consider and adopt the agenda of its present session as prepared by the ECE secretariat (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/58).

2. STATUS OF THE TIR CONVENTION, 1975

The Committee will be informed of the situation concerning the geographical scope and the number of Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention, 1975. A list of Contracting Parties to the Convention as well as of countries with which a TIR transit operation can be established is contained in annex 1 to this agenda. Contracting Parties may wish to verify these listings.

The complete text of the amendments to the Convention that have entered into force on 17 February 1999 (Phase I of the TIR revision process) is contained in document ECE/TRANS/17/Amend.19/Rev.1 and is available in English, French, Russian and Spanish. This text also includes the corrigendum to Depositary Notification C.N.433.1997.TREATIES-1 of 17 November 1997 that has been issued by the Legal Office of the United Nations as Depositary Notification C.N.336.1999.TREATIES-1 of 26 May 1999 to which no objection has been lodged.

3. ACTIVITIES AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TIR EXECUTIVE BOARD (TIRExB)

(a) Activities of the TIRExB

(i) Report by the Chairman of the TIRExB

In accordance with Annex 8, Article 11, paragraph 4 of the Convention, the TIRExB shall report on its activities at least once a year or at the request of the Administrative Committee.

Following the decision of the Administrative Committee, at its twenty-seventh session TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/55, paras. 14-15), that the TIRExB should report on its activities at each of its sessions and that efforts should be made to make, at least, the reports of the sessions of the TIRExB available to all Contracting Parties, possibly in the three working languages of the Administrative Committee, the UN/ECE secretariat has reproduced the reports of the TIRExB at its fourth and fifth sessions held in October 1999 and February 2000 respectively for information of the Administrative Committee (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2000/7). The report of the sixth session of the TIRExB (23-25 May 2000) should be available at the session of the Administrative Committee following its approval by the TIRExB at its seventh session (12-13 October 2000).

Further information on recent activities of the TIRExB will be provided by the Chairman of the TIRExB during the session.

The Administrative Committee may wish to consider these reports and the supplementary information and provide guidance on future activities and priorities of work of the TIRExB.

(ii) Insertion of the identification number of the TIR Carnet holder in the TIR Carnet

The TIR Executive Board (TIRExB), at its sixth session (23-25 May 2000) pointed out that, in order to distinguish clearly between individual TIR Carnet holders, it was a matter of priority to insert the individual and unique identification (ID) number of TIR Carnet users, as required in the Model Authorization Forms (MAFs), in the individual TIR Carnets used. The respective procedure and format should be approved by the TIR Administrative Committee. The TIRExB felt that this objective should be achieved, as soon as possible, through an amendment to the Convention. Given the long time required for the coming into force of the relevant amendments to the Convention, a recommendation of the Administrative Committee might be prepared allowing the application of such necessary procedures ad interim. The representative of the International Road Transport Union (IRU) welcomed, in principle, this idea, but indicated that national issuing associations and TIR Carnet holders would need some time to make necessary arrangements, before such a decision came into force.

As requested by the TIRExB, the TIR Secretary has prepared proposals allowing for the insertion of the ID number in TIR Carnets (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2000/8). The Administrative Committee may wish to consider these proposals with a view to their adoption at the present session.

(iii) Application of Article 38 of the Convention

The TIR Executive Board (TIRExB), at its sixth session (23-25 May 2000) noted that the reasons for the exclusion of persons from the TIR procedure, in accordance with Article 38, paragraph 1 of the Convention, could be quite different. This was mainly due to the different interpretations given by the Contracting Parties to the conditions for such exclusion as provided in the Convention stating that such persons should be “guilty of a serious offence against the Customs laws or regulations applicable to the international transport of goods”.

With a view to clarifying this notion and allowing for improved international cooperation in this field, the TIR Secretary, at the request of the TIRExB, has prepared a document on the implementation of Article 38 of the Convention for consideration by the Administrative Committee (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2000/14).

(iv) Information provided by the TIR Secretary

The Administrative Committee may wish to take note of a status report prepared by the TIR Secretary on the implementation of the legal requirements of the Convention (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2000/9).

(b) Administration of the TIRExB

(i) Rules of Procedure of the TIRExB

At its first constitutive session, the TIRExB adopted its Rules of Procedure as prepared by the Administrative Committee (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/1999/4; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/55, paras. 13-16). The Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the TIRExB are contained in a booklet available at the session (upon request).

With a view to speeding up the consultation process among TIRExB members in order to comply with the mandate of the TIRExB, namely the supervision and support in the application of the Convention, the TIRExB, at its forthcoming seventh session (Geneva, 12 and 13 October 2000) will consider the establishment of a written consultation process among its members allowing quick decision making without the need to convene a meeting of the TIRExB. The ensuing necessary amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the TIRExB in this respect will be transmitted to the Administrative Committee for endorsement (relevant document will be available at the session).

(ii) Procedure for the election of the members of the TIRExB

In accordance with Annex 9, Article 9, paragraph 2 of the Convention, the term of office of each member of the TIRExB shall be two years. Since the present members of the TIRExB had been elected at its spring session in 1999, the Administrative Committee must, at its forthcoming session in spring 2001, proceed with the election or re-election of the nine members of the TIRExB.

In order to ensure an efficient voting procedure at its forthcoming spring session, the Administrative Committee may wish to confirm the decisions taken earlier in this respect. In particular, it may wish to endorse the comment adopted on 26 June 1998 to the Rules of Procedure of the TIRExB on "representation", with the exception of paragraph 3 relating only to the initial election of Board members (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/51, annex). It may also wish to recall the procedure for the election of members of the TIRExB adopted by the Administrative Committee at its twenty-six session (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/53, paras. 31 and 34).

In addition, the Administrative Committee may wish to authorize the UN/ECE secretariat, servicing its sessions, to issue in the form of an official document, well before the session of the Administrative Committee during which elections of TIRExB members will take place, a document containing the approved election procedures and soliciting candidates willing to stand for election as members of the TIRExB. Four weeks before the session during which the election will take place, the UN/ECE secretariat will circulate a list of candidates which have been nominated by their respective Governments or organizations being Contracting Parties to the Convention. Further candidates may be nominated at the respective session of the Administrative Committee.

(iii) Approval of the final accounts for the year 1999

The Administrative Committee, at its spring session, was informed by the UN/ECE secretariat of the final accounts of the TIRExB for the year 1999 as prepared by the competent Finance Services of the United Nations (Informal Document No. 1 (2000)). It decided to approve the final accounts for the year 1999 in principle as the related figures had only become available a few days before the session of the Administrative Committee (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/57, para. 18).

The Administrative Committee may wish to formally approve the final accounts of the TIRExB for the year 1999 as contained in Informal Document No. 1 (2000).

(iv) **Budget of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat for the year 2000**

In accordance with Annex 8, Article 11, paragraph 4 of the Convention, the TIRExB shall submit audited accounts to the Administrative Committee at least once a year or at the request of the Administrative Committee. Furthermore, the agreement concluded between the IRU and the UN/ECE for the year 2000 on the transfer of funds to the TIR Trust Fund, established by the UN/ECE in accordance with the decision of the Administrative Committee (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/55, para. 31), provides for the submission of an annual report to the IRU (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2000/2).

Since the budget year will only be completed on 31 December 2000, financial statements showing the funds received and expended for the TIRExB in 2000, in line with the internal and external auditing procedures of the United Nations, are not yet available.

However, in order to provide transparency about the functioning and financing of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat, document TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2000/10 provides an overview of the financial situation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat as of 31 July 2000. It also gives an outlook on expenditures foreseen for the remainder of 2000.

The complete and final accounts for 2000 are planned to be submitted for approval by the Administrative Committee at its spring session in February 2001.

(v) **Budget proposal and cost plan for the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat for the year 2001**

In accordance with Annex 8, Article 13 of the Convention, the TIRExB has prepared a budget proposal and a cost plan providing for its operation in the year 2001. The budget proposal and cost plan, as contained in document TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2000/11, is expected to be finalized and approved by the TIRExB at its seventh session (12 and 13 October 2000). Modifications decided upon by the TIRExB at this session will be reflected in a corrigendum to this document.

The budget proposal and cost plan for the year 2001 does not differ substantially from the approved budget and cost plan of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat for the year 2000 as contained in document TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/1999/6. The present number of three professionals constituting the TIR secretariat together with the TIR Secretary whose costs are born by the regular budget of the UN/ECE, remains unchanged.

The amount of the resulting levy on each TIR Carnet and the procedure for its collection will be contained in the agreement between the UN/ECE and the IRU which will be submitted to the Administrative Committee for endorsement at its forthcoming session in spring 2001 (see agenda item 5).

The Administrative Committee may wish to approve the budget proposal and cost plan for the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat for the year 2001 as contained in document TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2000/11.

(vi) Alternative sources of funding for the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat as of the year 2003

The Administrative Committee may wish to recall that, at its twenty-eighth session, it had decided to continue the initial funding arrangements for the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat in accordance with Annex 8, Article 13 of the Convention and to make efforts to have the costs for the operation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat included into the Regular Budget of the United Nations as of the year 2003.

4. AUTHORIZATION FOR PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF TIR CARNETS IN THE YEAR 2001

In accordance with Annex 8, Article 10 (b) of the Convention, the TIRExB shall supervise the centralized printing and distribution to the associations of TIR Carnets which may be performed by an agreed international organization as referred to in Article 6 of the Convention. At its twenty-sixth session the Administrative Committee decided on the following procedure and conditions in this respect: At its annual spring sessions, the Administrative Committee will authorize an international organization to centrally print and distribute TIR Carnets for the following year in accordance with Annex 8, Article 10 (b) of the Convention under the condition that:

- (a) the concerned international organization declares in writing its acceptance of this authorization within 30 days following the decision of the Administrative Committee;
- (b) on the basis of the relevant decisions of the Administrative Committee at its annual autumn session (adoption of the budget for the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat, etc.), the required transfer of funds, in accordance with Annex 8, Article 13 of the Convention, will have been effected by the authorized international organization by 15 November each year for the operation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat during the following year (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/53, para. 20).

In line with the above decision, the Administrative Committee, at its spring session in 2000 authorized the IRU to centrally print and distribute TIR Carnets for a period of five years as of the year 2001 and to finance, as long as its expenses are not covered by the Regular Budget of the United Nations, the operation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2000/2, para. 7; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/57, para. 29).

In a communication received from the Secretary-General of the IRU dated 22 March 2000, the IRU declared its acceptance of the authorization by the Administrative Committee to centrally print and distribute TIR Carnets for a period of five years (2001-2005).

The Administrative Committee may wish to take note of this information.

5. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UN/ECE AND THE IRU

In line with the decision taken at its twenty-fourth session on the procedure for the collection of a levy on TIR Carnets for the financing of the operation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/49, para. 31 (ii)), the Administrative Committee may wish to authorize the UN/ECE secretariat to negotiate and arrange with the IRU the required arrangements for the transfer of funds (a) in accordance with Annex 8, Article 13 of the Convention; (b) on the basis of the approved budget for the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat for the year 2001 (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2000/11) and (c) in line with the above-mentioned requirements for authorization of an international organization to centrally print and distribute TIR Carnets (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/57, para. 29).

The relevant ECE/IRU Agreement will be transmitted to the forthcoming session of the Administrative Committee in spring 2001 for endorsement.

6. REVISION OF THE CONVENTION

(a) Implementation of Phase I of the TIR revision process

The Administrative Committee may wish to continue its exchange of views on the difficulties that may have arisen during implementation of Phase I of the TIR revision process. The relevant amendments had come into force on 17 February 1999 (Depositary Notification C.N.800.1998.TREATIES-2) and the complete text of these provisions is contained in document ECE/TRANS/17/Amend.19/Rev.1.

The Administrative Committee may also wish to stress once more that it was very important, in line with Article 38, paragraph 2 and Article 42 bis of the Convention, to inform the TIRExB immediately of any exclusions from the operation of the Convention and of any national control measures planned to be taken by competent national authorities. The Administrative Committee may also wish to be informed of the functioning of the so-called electronic SAFETIR system operated by the IRU on the basis of Article 42 bis of the Convention.

(b) Adoption of amendment proposals under Phase II of the TIR revision process

The Administrative Committee may wish to recall that, at its twenty-eighth session, it had been informed by the Chairman of the UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) about progress made under Phase II of the TIR revision process (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/57, para. 32).

On the basis of the latest considerations of the Working Party (19-23 June 2000), the UN/ECE secretariat has prepared a document consolidating all amendment proposals prepared so far by the Working Party under Phase II of the TIR revision process (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2000/12). This document will be considered by the Working Party at its forthcoming session to be held from 16 to 20 October 2000.

The Administrative Committee may wish to consider document TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2000/12 as well as further amendment proposals that may be approved by the Working Party and transmitted to the Administrative Committee with a view to the adoption of all amendment proposals prepared under Phase II of the TIR revision process.

(c) Preparation of Phase III of the TIR revision process

The Administrative Committee may wish to recall that, at its twenty-seventh session, it agreed on the following elements for inclusion into Phase III of the TIR revision process:

- Revision of the TIR Carnet, including the insertion of additional data elements (ID. number, HS code, value of goods, etc.);
- Use of new technologies in TIR operations also with a view to reducing the delay in notifications of non-discharge;
- Increase in the number of places for loading and unloading under Customs seal (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/55, paras. 38 and 39).

At its twenty-ninth session, the Administrative Committee had been informed of progress made in the preparation of Phase III of the TIR revision process (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/57, para. 33).

Since phase III of the TIR revision process should start following the conclusion of Phase II foreseen at the present session of the Administrative Committee, the Administrative Committee may wish to provide guidance on the approach to be taken in order to arrive at tangible solutions in due course. In particular, the Administrative Committee may wish to have an exchange of views on the possibilities of replacing the present paper based TIR Carnet by an electronic medium facilitating administration and control of the system as well as preventing fraudulent activities, such as falsification.

The Administrative Committee may wish to take note of the decision of the UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) to establish an ad hoc group of experts on the computerization of the TIR procedure which should be composed of experts from interested countries and industry groups (TRANS/WP.30/190, para. 30).

7. OTHER PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION

(a) Draft amendment to Article 3

The Administrative Committee may wish to consider a proposed amendment to Article 3 of the Convention as set out in annex 2 to this agenda. The amendment proposal provides for the transport under the TIR procedure of buses and lorries to be exported and driven on their own wheels as such vehicles are to be regarded as “goods” in the context of the Convention.

This amendment proposal has been prepared and approved by the UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) at its ninety-fifth session (TRANS/WP.30/190, paras. 41, 42 and annex 2).

(b) Draft amendments to Annexes 2 and 7

The Administrative Committee may wish to consider proposed amendments to Annexes 2 and 7 of the Convention as contained in document TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2000/13. The amendment proposals provide for the validity of vehicles and containers with sliding sheets for transport under the TIR procedure.

These amendment proposals have been prepared and approved in principle by the UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) at its ninety-fifth session (TRANS/WP.30/190, paras. 43-47) and will be reviewed once more by the UN/ECE Working Party at its ninety-sixth session.

(c) Other amendment proposals

To date the UN/ECE secretariat has not received any other proposals for amendments to the Convention. However, the UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), at its ninety-sixth session (Geneva, 16-20 October 2000), will consider amendments to the Convention which, if approved, may be transmitted to the present session of the Administrative Committee for consideration and possible adoption.

Any amendment that may be submitted in due time before the session will be circulated.

8. APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION

(a) Comments adopted by the UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30)

The Administrative Committee may wish to consider a comment to a newly proposed Article 3 of the Convention which has been adopted by the UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) at its ninety-fifth session (TRANS/WP.30/190, paras. 41-42 and annex 2).

The Administrative Committee may also wish to consider a comment on improved procedures in the use of TIR Carnets by transport operators which has been adopted by the UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) at its ninety-fourth session (TRANS/WP.30/188, para. 54). It may also decide on the exact placement of the comment in the TIR Handbook.

The comments for inclusion into the TIR Handbook are set out in annex 3 to this agenda for endorsement by the Administrative Committee.

(b) EDI control system for TIR Carnets: Modification of the Recommendation adopted by the Administrative Committee on 20 October 1995

The Administrative Committee may wish to recall that the basic principle of the present EDI control system for TIR Carnets lies in the confirmation of the termination of TIR operations by EDI to the international organization responsible for the printing and distribution of TIR Carnets. In the so-called "SAFETIR" system operated by the IRU on the basis of the Recommendation, relevant data as stipulated in the Recommendation are transmitted to the IRU in Geneva, following termination of a TIR operation at the Customs office of destination. In case of discrepancy between these data and the information contained in the relevant counterfoil in the TIR Carnet that has been returned by the transport operator to the issuing association or in case of non-availability of "SAFETIR" data, a request for reconciliation is issued by the IRU to the relevant Customs authority. This reconciliation procedure is necessary to obtain confirmation, correction or invalidation of the provided data.

At its twenty-eighth session, the Administrative Committee had amended its Recommendation of 20 October 1995 and included therein a standard procedure and format in case such reconciliation of data became necessary (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/57, paras.35-38 and annex 2).

The Administrative Committee may wish to discuss the experiences made with the new Recommendation and, in particular, the new reconciliation procedure.

9. TIR HANDBOOK

The Administrative Committee may wish to note that the 1999 TIR Handbook that has been issued by the UN/ECE and the TIR secretariats in October 1999 has been updated to take account of new developments, recently adopted comments, the modified recommendation, etc. The TIR Handbook contains the latest amendments to the Convention as well as all relevant comments adopted by the UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) and the Administrative Committee and is available in English, French, German, Russian and Spanish. A limited number of copies are available free of charge.

10. TIR WEB SITE

The TIR secretariat, with the technical support of the UN/ECE secretariat, maintains a TIR web site which provides up-to-date information on the administration and application of the TIR Convention (www.unece.org/trans/new_tir/welctir.htm).

The site contains in particular the complete text of the TIR Handbook in the Chinese, Czech, English, French, German, Russian, Spanish and Turkish languages (an Arabic version is under preparation) and the latest information on national control measures introduced by Customs authorities

(What's new?) as well as detailed information on all TIR Focal Points who may be contacted regarding questions on the application of the Convention at the national level.

The TIR web site also contains all documents and reports issued in connection with the sessions of the Administrative Committee and the UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30). These documents may be viewed and downloaded (PDF format) in English, French and Russian.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Date of next session

In accordance with the decisions of the Administrative Committee (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/57, para. 44; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/53, para. 44) the UN/ECE secretariat has made the necessary arrangements to hold the forthcoming spring session of the Administrative Committee on 22 and 23 February 2001.

The Administrative Committee may wish to confirm the date of its thirtieth session.

(b) Restriction on the distribution of documents

The Administrative Committee may wish to decide on whether there should be any restriction with respect to the distribution of documents issued in connection with its current session.

12. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with Annex 8, Article 7 of the TIR Convention, 1975, the Administrative Committee will adopt the report on its twenty-ninth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the UN/ECE secretariat. Given the present resource restrictions with regard to translation facilities, parts of the final report may not be available for adoption in all working languages.

<u>Contracting Parties</u>	<u>Countries with which a TIR transit operation can be established</u> ^{*/}
Afghanistan	-
Albania	Albania
Algeria	-
Armenia	-
Austria	Austria
Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan
Belarus	Belarus
Belgium	Belgium
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-
Bulgaria	Bulgaria
Canada	-
Chile	-
Croatia	Croatia
Cyprus	Cyprus
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Georgia	Georgia
Germany	Germany
Greece	Greece
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Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Ireland	Ireland
Israel	Israel
Italy	Italy
Jordan	Jordan
Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan
Kuwait	Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan	-
Latvia	Latvia
Lebanon	Lebanon

^{*/} Based on information provided by the IRU

Annex 1 (cont'd)

Contracting Parties

(continued)

Countries with which a TIR transitoperation can be established ^{*/}(continued)

Lithuania	Lithuania
Luxembourg	Luxembourg
Malta	-
Morocco	Morocco
Netherlands	Netherlands
Norway	Norway
Poland	Poland
Portugal	Portugal
Republic of Korea	-
Republic of Moldova	Republic of Moldova
Romania	Romania
Russian Federation	Russian Federation
Slovakia	Slovakia
Slovenia	Slovenia
Spain	Spain
Sweden	Sweden
Switzerland	Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic	Syrian Arab Republic
Tajikistan	-
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Tunisia	Tunisia
Turkey	Turkey
Turkmenistan	-
Ukraine	Ukraine
United Kingdom	United Kingdom
United States of America	-
Uruguay	-
Uzbekistan	Uzbekistan
Yugoslavia	-
European Community	

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Annex 2

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL TO THE TIR CONVENTION, 1975

Replace the text of Article 3 by the following:

Article 3

For the provisions of this Convention to become applicable:

- (a) the transport operation must be performed
 - (i) by means of road vehicles, combinations of vehicles or containers previously approved under the conditions set forth in Chapter III (a), or
 - (ii) by means of other road vehicles, other combinations of vehicles or other containers under the conditions set forth in Chapter III (c), or
 - (iii) by road vehicles or special vehicles such as buses, cranes, sweepers, concrete-laying machines etc. exported and therefore themselves considered as goods travelling by their own means from a Customs office of departure to a Customs office of destination under the conditions set forth in Chapter III (c). In case such vehicles are carrying other goods, the conditions as referred to under (i) or (ii) above shall apply accordingly;
- (b) the transport operations must be guaranteed by associations approved in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 and must be performed under cover of a TIR Carnet, which shall conform to the model reproduced in Annex 1 to this Convention.”

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Annex 3

TIR HANDBOOK

Comment to Article 3

adopted by the UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport

Replace the existing comment to Article 3 (1999 TIR Handbook, page 32; TRANS/GE.30/10, para. 14-17) by the following comment:

“Comment

Road vehicles considered as heavy or bulky goods

If road vehicles or special vehicles themselves regarded as heavy or bulky goods are carrying other heavy or bulky goods so that both vehicle and goods at the same time fulfil the conditions set forth in Chapter III(c) of the Convention, only one TIR Carnet is needed bearing at the cover and all vouchers of the TIR Carnet the endorsement set forth in Article 32 of the Convention. If such vehicles are carrying normal goods in the load compartment or in containers, the vehicle or the containers must be previously approved under the conditions set forth in Chapter III(a) and the load compartment or the containers have to be sealed. Also an additional Carnet has to be used for such transports. Appropriate inscriptions to this effect should be made in each of the TIR Carnets utilized.

The provisions of Article 3 (a)(iii) of the Convention apply in the case of road vehicles or special vehicles being exported from the country where the Customs office of departure is located and being imported into another country where the Customs office of destination is located. In this case, the provisions of Article 15 of the Convention referring to the temporary importation of a road vehicle are not applicable. Thus, Customs documents in respect of temporary importation of such vehicles are not required.”

Add the same comment to Article 29 of the Convention.

Annex 3 (cont'd)**TIR HANDBOOK****Comment to Article ...**
adopted by the UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport

Add the following comment to Article ... (1999 TIR Handbook, page)

“Comment

Improved procedures in the use of TIR Carnets by transport operators

In some Contracting Parties the transport operator does not have direct contacts with the competent Customs officials at the Customs office of destination before the consignee or his agents undertake the necessary Customs formalities for clearance of goods for home use or by any other Customs procedure following the TIR transit operation. With a view to allowing the transport operator or his driver to verify that the TIR procedure is properly terminated by the competent Customs officials, the transport operator or his driver are allowed, if they so wish, to keep the TIR Carnet and to provide the consignee or his agents only with a copy of the yellow voucher No 1/No 2 (not for Customs use) in the TIR Carnet, together with any other required documentation. Following the clearance of goods for home use or by any other Customs procedure, the transport operators or his driver should then proceed in person to the competent Customs officials to have his TIR Carnet certified.”



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