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Item 6 (a) of the provisional agenda

Reference Model of the TIR Procedure

Contributions of the network of eTIR focal points

Summary of the activities of the network of eTIR focal points

Note by the secretariat

I. Background

1. At its 124th session (February 2010), the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) supported the call of the secretariat to organize activities of the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1) at long distance, by means of a network of focal points for eTIR (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/248, para. 22). At its 125th session, WP.30 stressed the importance for every Contracting Party to nominate a focal point for the eTIR project and to inform the secretariat accordingly (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/250, para. 19). This document presents the status of the network of eTIR focal points and summarizes its activities since the twenty-ninth session of GE.1.

II. Members of the network of eTIR focal points

2. The following thirty-eight Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention have nominated at least one eTIR focal point: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and

Uzbekistan. The e-mail addresses of the focal points are available on the eTIR website (www.unece.org/trans/bcf/etir/focals.html).

III. Information received from the network of eTIR focal points

3. Since the twenty-eighth session, eTIR focal points have not communicated to the secretariat any issue or input to be brought to the attention of GE.1.

IV. Queries and information sent to the network of eTIR focal points

4. At its twenty-ninth session, WP.30/GE.1) mandated the secretariat to prepare a survey and circulate it among TIR and eTIR focal points to assess (a) the readiness of TIR contracting parties to connect to the eTIR international system once Annex 11 and the eTIR specifications have been adopted, and (b) the intention of TIR contracting parties not to accept Annex 11 and, if so, for which reason. The final results of the survey are presented in Informal document GE.1 No.3 (2019).

V. Further considerations

5. GE.1 may wish to take stock of this document.
