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Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and
Technical aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure

Sixteenth session
Geneva, 28-29 April 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTEENTH SESSION

To be held at the Palais the Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.00 hours on Tuesday, 28 April 2009^{1, 2, 3}

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³ This document was submitted late due to the timing of the meeting.

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30.GE.1/2009/1

1. In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item in the provisional agenda is its adoption.

Item 2 Election of officers

2. In accordance with the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention, 1975 (AC.2) and the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) mandates, the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (hereafter referred to as: 'Expert Group') may wish to elect a Chairperson and possibly a vice-chairperson to steer its work in 2009.

Item 3 Reference Model of the TIR Procedure

(a) Pending issues

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/8/Rev.2

3. The Expert Group may wish to take note that the Working Party considered document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/8/Rev.2 containing clarifications on the method of submission of the Customs declaration as described in Chapter II of the eTIR Reference Model, prepared by the secretariat on instructions from the Expert Group at its fifteenth session. Subject to the deletion of the last sentences of paragraphs 12 and 14, which should be subject to discussions of legal nature, there was general consensus that the document provided the necessary clarifications. At the request of the Working Party, these clarifications will be added as Annex to the eTIR Reference Model. The International Road Transport Union (IRU) informed that it did not support the consensus decision of WP.30 and was of the opinion that Chapter II was not in line with the principles of the TIR Convention. Turkey was of the view that eTIR declaration mechanism, as it stands today, was departing from the decision by the Administrative Committee to maintain the basic philosophy and structure of the TIR procedure. The Working Party invited Turkey to submit a paper in this regard (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/242, para. 27).

4. The Expert Group may also wish to take note that the secretariat was mandated to start working on a first draft of proposals for amendments to the legal text of the TIR Convention aimed at the introduction of eTIR (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/242, para. 29).

(b) Chapter 3 – Analysis

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/13/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2009/2, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2009/3

5. At the request of the Expert Group and at the kind invitation of the Serbian Customs authorities, a small drafting group, consisting of experts from the European Community (EC), the IRU, the Netherlands, Serbia and the UNECE TIR secretariat met in Belgrade on 28 and 29 January 2009 to work on the outstanding issues of Chapter 3 of the eTIR Reference Model, with particular focus on UML diagrams, message design, fall-back scenarios and the use of code lists for the eTIR Project.

6. On the basis of the constructive work by the drafting group and with the kind assistance of the Dutch Customs authorities, the secretariat prepared an amended text of draft Chapter 3. The Expert Group may wish to review the revised Chapter 3, as contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/13/Rev.3, and decide on further steps.

7. The Expert Group may also wish to consider documents ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2009/2 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2009/3, containing respectively a proposal to revise the Customs' notification method and a revised description of the fall back procedures.

(c) Chapter 4 – Design

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2009/4

8. The Expert Group may wish to consider the draft table of contents for Chapter 4 as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2009/4. It may also wish to discuss the ways and means required to provide the technical information to be contained in Chapter 4 based of the first three Chapters of the Reference Model.

Item 4 Financial implications of the national implementation of eTIR

9. The Expert Group may wish to note that the secretariat, having sent out a reminder, only received one more reply to the questionnaire on the financial implications of the national implementation of eTIR. Copies of the in-depth reply from The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia will be made available in the meeting room.

Item 5 Other business

(a) World Customs Organisation (WCO) transit data model

10. The Expert Group may wish to be informed on the latest developments regarding the WCO data model.

(b) Other activities of interest

11. The Expert Group may wish to be informed of other activities of interest for the computerization of the TIR procedure.

(c) Date and place of next session

12. The Expert Group may wish to decide on possible date and venue for its next session.

Item 6 Adoption of the report

13. After the session, the secretariat will issue a report, which will be submitted for endorsement to the Working Party.
