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Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport

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

Seventeenth session  
Helsinki, 8-9 March 2010

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION\***

To be held at the National Board of Customs in Helsinki,  
starting at 10.00 a.m. on 8 March 2010<sup>1,2</sup>

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\* The UNECE Transport Division has submitted the present document after the official documentation deadline.

<sup>1</sup> For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website <<http://border.unece.org>>. On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by email ([imed.ben.hamida@unece.org](mailto:imed.ben.hamida@unece.org)) or by fax (41 22 917 0039).

<sup>2</sup> Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download on the UNECE Transport Division's website <<http://www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html>>. It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by email ([andre.sceia@unece.org](mailto:andre.sceia@unece.org) or [imed.ben.hamida@unece.org](mailto:imed.ben.hamida@unece.org)) or by fax (41 22 917 0039).

## I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Reference Model of the TIR procedure:
  - (a) New information and communication technology developments in the TIR system;
  - (b) Chapter 3 – Analysis;
  - (c) Chapter 4 – Design.
4. Financial implications of the national implementation of eTIR.
5. Other business:
  - (a) World Customs Organization transit data model;
  - (b) Other activities of interest;
  - (c) Date and place of next session.
6. Adoption of the report.

## II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

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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 2010.

### **Item 3. Reference Model of the TIR Procedure**

#### **(a) New information and communication technology developments in the TIR system**

3. In the light of the ongoing developments in the field of information and communication technology (ICT) technologies and data standardization, the Expert Group may wish to start the substantive part of the meeting by reassessing the prospective impact of those developments on the eTIR Project. In particular, the Expert Group will be asked to evaluate the latest requirements with regard to national and international tools to facilitate the electronic submission of declarations to Customs and the management of TIR related electronic information by both Customs and the Guarantee Chain.

4. This part of the meeting will be conducted by means of a number of presentations from participants on national and international experiences in these fields, followed by plenary discussions. Participants are invited to contact the secretariat not later than by 20 February 2010 in order to discuss how to prepare their contribution to the session.

#### **(b) Chapter 3 – Analysis**

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5. As mandated by the Expert Group, the secretariat used the inter-session period to solicit and review comments and other contributions from participants for the purpose of further improving the text of Chapter 3 of the eTIR Reference Model. On the basis of the inputs received and with additional expert support from the Dutch Customs authorities, the secretariat prepared an amended text of draft Chapter 3. The Expert Group may wish to review and, possibly, adopt the revised Chapter 3, as contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2010/2, for submission to and endorsement by WP.30.

#### **(c) Chapter 4 – Design**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2010/3

6. The Expert Group may wish to reconsider the draft table of contents for Chapter 4 as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2009/4 as well as the example of UN/EDIFACT message implementation devised in collaboration with the Dutch Customs authorities and contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2010/3. The Expert Group may also wish to be informed by the secretariat of the latest developments regarding the possible call for tender.

**Item 4. Financial implications of the national implementation of eTIR**

7. The Expert Group may wish to revisit the results of the questionnaire on the financial implications of the national implementation of eTIR and provide guidelines to the secretariat how to pursue the issue. Furthermore, it may wish to discuss possible avenues how to fund the development of the eTIR international system.

**Item 5. Other business**

**(a) World Customs Organization transit data model**

8. The Expert Group may wish to be informed of the latest developments regarding the World Customs Organization (WCO) transit data model.

**(b) Other activities of interest**

9. 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**

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

**Item 6. Adoption of the report**

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