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**Economic Commission for Europe****Inland Transport Committee****Working Party on Customs Questions affecting  
Transport****Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and  
Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure****Eighteenth session**

Geneva, 9–10 March 2011

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda****Annotated provisional agenda for the eighteenth session<sup>1, 2</sup>**

to be held at the Palais the Nations, Geneva, starting at 10.00 hours on 9 March 2011\*

**I. Provisional agenda**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Reference Model of the TIR procedure:
  - (a) Network of eTIR focal points;
  - (b) New information and communication technology developments in the TIR system;

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<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 ([andre.sceia@unece.org](mailto:andre.sceia@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 by fax (+41 22 917 0039).

\* This document has been submitted late for technical reasons.

- (c) eTIR Reference Model, version 3.0;
- (d) Chapter 4 – Design.
- 4. Financial implications of the introduction of the eTIR international system.
- 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**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

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

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2011/1

### **2. Election of officers**

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 Chair and, possibly, a Vice-Chair to steer its work in 2011.

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

#### **(a) Network of eTIR focal points**

The Expert Group may wish to review and endorse the activities and results of the network of IT focal points during the year 2010 as summarized in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2011/2.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2011/2

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

Further to the great interest expressed by participants of the Expert Group meeting in Helsinki (8–9 March 2010), the secretariat encourages participants to either make a presentation on recent ICT developments in the TIR system at the national level or to provide an update of their previous presentation. Participants interested to share their experiences with the Expert Group are invited to contact the secretariat *not later than by 15 February 2011*.

(c) **eTIR Reference Model, version 3.0**

On the basis of inputs from the network of eTIR focal points and with additional expert support from the Dutch Customs authorities, the secretariat prepared version 3.0 of the eTIR Reference Model, including a new revised Chapter 3. The Expert Group may wish to review and, possibly, endorse version 3.0 of the eTIR Reference Model, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2011/3, before it is submitted to WP.30.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2011/3

(d) **Chapter 4 – Design**

At its seventeenth session, the Expert Group welcomed document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2010/3 from the Government of the Netherlands, containing the implementation of two UNEDIFACT messages. Based on the amended draft Chapter 3 (See paragraph 5 above), the secretariat, with support from the Dutch Customs authorities prepared document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2011/4, containing a revised version of the UNEDIFACT messages as well as XML messages, for consideration by the Expert Group.

At its seventeenth session, the Expert Group requested the secretariat to explore various options to obtain external expert input with the aim to complete the technical documentation for the eTIR Project (See ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2010/4, paragraph 11). The Expert Group may wish to be informed of the latest developments in this field.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2011/4

**4. Financial implications of the introduction of the eTIR international system**

At the kind invitation of the Turkish Customs authorities, the secretariat met with representatives from the Undersecretariat of Customs and the private sector in Ankara on 19–20 October 2010 to discuss the preparation of a cost assessment for the establishment of the centralized eTIR international system. As a result, the secretariat prepared document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2011/5, containing some preliminary cost estimations for the development and maintenance of the eTIR international system, for consideration by the Expert Group. Participants may also wish to present their experience with regard to the financial aspects of the development and maintenance of Customs IT systems. Participants interested in giving a presentation are invited to contact the secretariat *not later than by 15 February 2011*.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2011/5

**5. Other business**

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

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**

The Expert Group may wish to be informed of other activities of interest for the computerization of the TIR procedure, such as the submission of a request for funding under the so-called eighth tranche of the United Nations Development Accounts (UNDA) of a project with the title “Strengthening the capacities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to facilitate border crossing by means of increased use of information and communication technologies”.

**(c) Date and place of next session**

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

**6. Adoption of the report**

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

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