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

Twenty-fifth session

Geneva, 19-20 September 2016

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda for the twenty-fifth session^{1, 2}

to be held in Geneva, Palais des Nations, starting at 10.00 hours, Salle IX.

¹ 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) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039).

² Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download on the UNECE Transport Division's website <<http://live.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) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039).

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
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4. eTIR pilot projects:
 - (a) UNECE-IRU eTIR pilot project between Iran and Turkey;
 - (b) eTIR pilot project between Georgia and Turkey.
5. Findings of the Group of Experts on Legal Aspects of the Computerization of the TIR Procedure
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 - (a) Contributions of the network of eTIR focal points;
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 - (a) World Customs Organization activities;
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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

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

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 1 (2016)

2. Election of officers

In line with the UNECE Rules of Procedure and established practice, 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 2016.

3. New information and communication technology developments in the TIR system

Further to good experiences at previous sessions, experts may wish to present recent information and communication technology (ICT) developments in the TIR system at the national level or provide an update of previous presentations. Participants interested in sharing their experiences with the Expert Group are invited to contact the secretariat at their earliest convenience but not later than 10 September 2016.

4. eTIR pilot projects

(a) UNECE-IRU eTIR pilot project between Iran and Turkey

The Expert Group may wish to take note of the status of the UNECE-IRU eTIR pilot project between Iran and Turkey and discuss its implications for the computerization of the TIR procedure.

(b) eTIR pilot project between Georgia and Turkey

The Expert Group may wish to take note of the status of the eTIR pilot project between Georgia and Turkey and discuss its implications for the computerization of the TIR procedure.

5. Findings of the Group of Experts on Legal Aspects of the Computerization of the TIR Procedure

The Expert Group may wish to take note of the activities and findings of the Group of Experts on Legal Aspects of the Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.2), as presented in informal document GE.1 No. 2 (2016), and discuss their possible implications on its work.

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 2 (2016)

6. Reference Model of the TIR Procedure

(a) Contributions of the network of eTIR focal points

The Expert Group may wish to be informed about the status and the latest activities of the network of eTIR focal points, as summarized in Informal document GE.1 No. 3 (2016).

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 3 (2016)

(b) Amendments

In the light of Informal document GE.1 No. 4 (2016), Informal documents GE.1 No. 5 (2016) as well as on the information and discussions on previous agenda items, the Expert Group may wish to consider the need to amend the eTIR Reference Model, which latest version, i.e. 4.1a, is contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2011/4/Rev.1.

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 4 (2016), Informal document GE.1 No. 5 (2016), ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2011/4/Rev.1

7. Other business

(a) World Customs Organization activities

The Expert Group may wish to be informed about the latest developments regarding the WCO transit data model, the eATA project, the Globally Networked Customs (GNC) project and other activities of interest.

(b) Other activities of interest

The Expert Group may wish to be informed about other activities of interest for the computerization of the TIR procedure, such as the publication of the “TIR and eTIR in the ESCAP region” policy brief prepared by UNECE, in collaboration with ESCAP, for the 2014 Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum held in Bangkok on 24-25 September 2014 or the joint UNECE-ESCAP-IRU publication “eTIR: Towards Paperless Cross-border Trade” published on 27 July 2016.

(c) Date and place of next session

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

7. Adoption of the report

After the session, the secretariat will issue a report, which will be submitted for endorsement to WP.30.
