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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
FOR THE ONE-HUNDRED-AND-SEVENTEENTH SESSION**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.00 hours on Wednesday, 25 September 2007

Addendum

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/233

1. In accordance with the rules of procedure, the first item to be considered is the adoption of the agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/233).

Item 2. Activities of UNECE bodies and other United Nations Organizations of interest to the Working Party

2. The Working Party will be informed about the results of relevant sessions of the Inland Transport Committee, its subsidiary bodies and other United Nations bodies and organizations as they relate to matters of interest to the Working Party. The Working Party will be asked to adopt the “expected accomplishment and related indicators of achievement” for WP.30 as proposed at the one-hundred-and-sixteenth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/232 para.7). “The indicators of achievement” are intended to be used to evaluate the work of WP.30.

Item 3. Activities of other Organizations of interest to the Working Party

3. The Working Party may wish to be informed about recent activities of the European Commission (EC), the World Customs Organization (WCO), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the International Air Cargo Association (TIACA) as well as other governmental and non-governmental organizations as they relate to matters of interest to the Working Party.

Item 4. International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982 (“Harmonization Convention”)

(a) Status of the Convention

4. The Working Party will be informed about the current situation concerning the number of Contracting Parties and the status of the Convention.¹

(b) Preparation of a new Annex on rail border crossing

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/11, Informal document No. 14 (2007)

5. The Working Party may wish to recall its decision at its one-hundred-and-sixteenth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/232, para. 19) to postpone discussion of document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/11, transmitted by the Organization for the Cooperation of Railways (OSJD), containing the latest draft proposal for a new Annex 9 to the Convention and comments by OTIF contained in Informal document No. 14 (2007). The Working Party may wish to consider both documents.

Item 5. International Convention to Facilitate the Crossing of Frontiers for Passengers and Baggage Carried by Rail, of 10 January 1952

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/12; Informal document No. 15 (2007)

6. The Working Party may wish to recall its decision at its one-hundred-and-sixteenth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/232, para. 22) to postpone discussion of document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/12, transmitted by the Organization for the Cooperation of Railways (OSJD), containing the latest draft proposal for a new International Convention to Facilitate the Crossing of Frontiers for Passengers and Baggage Carried by Rail and comments by OTIF contained in Informal document No. 15 (2007). The Working Party may wish to consider both documents.

7. The Working Party may wish to take into consideration the text of the International Convention to Facilitate the Crossing of Frontiers for Passengers and Baggage carried by Rail of 1952.²

¹ A complete list of Contracting Parties is available at <http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/agree_e.pdf>.

² <<http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/passraile.pdf>>

Item 6. Customs Conventions on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles (1954) and Commercial Road Vehicles (1956)

(a) Status of the Conventions

8. A complete list of Contracting Parties to this Convention is available at the UNECE website.³

(b) Application of the Conventions

9. The Working Party may wish to be informed about the recent developments with regard to the preparation of new comments and best practices in relation to a number of the issues raised by the AIT/FIA.

Item 7. Rail transit

(a) The Convention on International Customs Transit Procedures for the Carriage of Goods by Rail under Cover of SMGS Consignment Notes

10. The Working Party may wish to be informed of the latest developments concerning the Convention on International Customs Transit Procedures for the Carriage of Goods by Rail under Cover of SMGS Consignment Notes, which is open for signature until 31 December 2007 at the UN headquarters in New York City.

Item 8. Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods Under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention, 1975)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/16-ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2007/15; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/17; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/13; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/18; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/5/Rev.2; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/19; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/20

(a) Status of the Convention

11. A complete list of Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention is available at the UNECE website.⁴

(b) Revision of the Convention

(i) Preparation of Phase III of the TIR revision process

12. The Working Party may wish to recall that, at its ninety-sixth session, it had decided to start work on Phase III of the TIR revision process, which would include a study of a number of elements (TRANS/WP.30/192, para. 33).

13. The Working Party may wish to consider and possibly adopt document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/16-ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2007/15, prepared by the secretariat on the basis of document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/Rev.1 with additional minor technical changes.

³ <http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/agree_e.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/agree_e.pdf>

14. The Working Party may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/17, prepared by the secretariat, which highlights the strategic and/or legal issues, which had been identified in the course of the eTIR Project, providing, to the extent possible, preliminary considerations.

(ii) **Amendment proposals for the Convention**

15. The Working Party may wish to recall its discussions at its one hundred and sixteenth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/232, paras. 35-40).

16. The Working Party may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/13, transmitted by the European Commission on behalf of the European Community, containing a number of amendment proposals. As the Working Party invited the European Community at the one hundred and sixteenth session to revise document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/13, the Working Party may wish to consider - subject to availability - document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/18, which is a revised version of the EC amendment proposals.

17. The Working Party may also wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/5/Rev.2, prepared by the secretariat, containing a consolidation of all proposals for amendments made by various parties so far, including the above-noted proposals of the European Community contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/13.

18. The Working Party may wish to be informed about the future use of the electronic TIR declaration across the European Community and the requirement to supply advance cargo information for all import and export procedures.

19. The Working Party may recall its request to issue Informal document No. 12 (2007), submitted by the Government of Belarus, as an official document for consideration at the September 2007 session. In this context, the Working Party may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/19 concerning increasing the level of maximum guarantee to €60 thousand.

20. The Working Party may recall its request to issue Informal document No. 13 (2007), submitted by the Government of Turkey, as an official document for consideration at the September 2007 session. In this context, the Working Party may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/20 concerning the draft recommendation with respect to the introduction of HS code in the TIR Carnet.

(c) **Application of the Convention**

(i) **Control system for TIR Carnets - IRU SafeTIR**

21. The Working Party may wish to be informed by the IRU about developments concerning the functioning of the SafeTIR system in each Contracting Party.

(ii) Settlement of claims for payments

22. The Working Party may wish to be informed by Customs authorities and the IRU of the present situation with regard to the settlement of claims for payments made by Customs authorities against national guaranteeing associations.

(iii) Approval and control of TIR Loading compartments

23. The Working party may wish to take note of a special seminar on approval and control of TIR loading compartments that took place on 24 September 2007.

(iv) Other matters

24. The Working Party may wish to consider any other issues and difficulties in the application of the Convention faced by Customs authorities, national associations, the international insurers or the IRU.

Item 9. Prevention of the abuse of Customs transit systems by smugglers

25. As in the past, the Working Party may wish, on a restricted basis, to exchange views concerning any special cases, devices and facilities used to abuse the TIR transit system.

Item 10. Other business

(a) Dates of the next sessions

26. The Working Party may wish to decide on the dates for its next sessions.

27. The secretariat has already scheduled the one-hundred-and-eighteenth session of the Working Party to be held in the week of 28 January to 1 February 2008.

28. The secretariat has made arrangements for the following sessions of the Working Party in 2008:

- One-hundred-and-nineteenth session; 2 to 6 June 2008
- One-hundred-and-twentieth session; 29 September to 3 October 2008 (subject to confirmation)

(b) Restriction on the distribution of documents

29. The Working Party may decide whether there shall be any restrictions with respect to the distribution of documents issued in connection with its current session.

Item 11. Adoption of the report

30. In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report of its one-hundred-and-seventeenth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat. Given the present resource restrictions with regard to translation facilities, parts of the final report may not be available at the session for adoption in all working languages.
