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Working Party on Customs Questions

affecting Transport

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**CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT OF GOODS  
UNDER COVER OF TIR CARNETS (TIR CONVENTION 1975)**

**TIR Contact Group**

**Note by the secretariat**

1. The Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the TIR Contact Group (TRANS/WP.30/162, Annex 3) foresee amongst others that the TIR Contact Group "... provide for an internationally harmonized approach in the implementation of the TIR Convention at national levels. The TIR Contact Group is also charged to coordinate the procedures for revision of the TIR Convention, 1975".
2. It is in this context that the secretariat has made preliminary plans for organizing a session of the TIR Contact Group to discuss, between Customs authorities and the concerned industry groups, all practical aspects related to the application of the revised provisions of the TIR Convention which are planned to come into force as Phase II of the TIR revision process on 12 May 2002.

3. The Government of Greece has kindly offered to host this seventh session of TIR Contact Group in Athens from 22-23 April 2002.
  4. It is expected that representatives of competent authorities of all Contracting Parties utilizing the TIR system, representatives of all national TIR guaranteeing associations, the IRU as well as other concerned industry groups will attend this session of the TIR Contact Group.
  5. It is planned to consider, in particular, the following issues:
    - (a) Application of the new provisions of the TIR Convention adopted under Phase II of the TIR revision process.
    - (b) Application of the example Authorization and Agreement prepared by the TIR Executive Board (TIRExB).
    - (c) Implementation of the Recommendations adopted by the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention, 1975 (20 October 1995 and 20 October 2000).
  6. A convocation/invitation to attend this seventh session of the TIR Contact Group in Athens, including information about options for accommodation, will be issued by the UNECE secretariat following the session of the Working Party.
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