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Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the seventy-third session***

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 14 October 2020 and finishing around 6 p.m. on Thursday 15 October 2020, Room XII

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* For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of the documents mentioned in this provisional agenda to the meeting. There will be no official documentation available in the meeting room. Before the meeting, missing documents may be obtained directly from the ECE Sustainable Transport Division (Fax: +41-22-917-0039; email: wp.30@un.org). Documents may also be downloaded from the ECE Border Crossing Facilitation website www.unece.org/trans/bcf/welcome.html. During the meeting, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

** The full text of the TIR Convention, 1975, as well as a complete list of contracting parties to the TIR Convention, are available on the ECE website: www.unece.org/trans/conventn/legalinst.html#customs. Delegates are requested to register online at: uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=kB6tNi at the latest one week prior to the session. Prior to the session, delegates who do not hold a long-term access badge should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact by telephone the ECE secretariat (internal extension 75975). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html.



- (b) Administration of the TIR Executive Board and the TIR secretariat:
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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee may wish to consider and adopt the agenda of the session (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/148). The Committee will be informed that, according to Annex 8, Article 6 of the TIR Convention, 1975, "a quorum consisting of not less than one-third of the States which are contracting parties is required for the purpose of taking decisions". The number of States which are contracting parties to the convention is seventy-five.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/148

2. Election of officers

The Committee may wish to recall that, at its seventy-second session (February 2020), it elected Ms. L. Jelinkova Harantova as Chair for its sessions in 2020. The position of Vice-Chair remaining vacant, delegations were invited to nominate a candidate for election at the current session (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/147, para. 5). The Committee is invited to elect, for the current session, a Vice-Chair from the candidates nominated by contracting parties, if any.

3. Status of the TIR Convention, 1975

The Committee will be informed about changes in the status of the Convention and in the number of contracting parties. The Committee may wish to be informed that the TIR Convention has seventy-six contracting parties. In particular, the Committee may wish to be informed that, on 26 February 2020, the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his capacity of depositary, re-issued depositary notification C.N.71.2020.TREATIES-XI.A.16 of 25 February 2020, informing of the submission of various amendment proposals to the body of the Convention and introducing new Annex 11. In accordance with the provisions of Article 59 (3) of the Convention, the proposed amendments shall come into force with respect to all parties to the Convention three months after the expiry of a period of twelve months following the date of that communication, during which no objection to the proposed amendments has been communicated to the Secretary-General by a party. Annex 11 shall come into force in the absence of any objection to the proposal of amendments within the abovementioned twelve month period, except for those States which notify the depositary of their non-acceptance of Annex 11 between 25 February 2021 and 25 May 2021. More detailed information on depositary notifications is available on the TIR website.¹

4. Activities and administration of the TIR Executive Board

(a) Activities of the TIR Executive Board

(i) Report by the Chair of the TIR Executive Board

In accordance with Annex 8, Article 11, paragraph 4 of the Convention and in line with the decision of the Committee (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/55, paras. 14 and 15), the secretariat has reproduced the report of the TIR Executive Board (TIRExB) at its eighty-third session (October 2019), for information and endorsement by the Committee (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/13). More information about recent activities of TIRExB as well as about various considerations and decisions taken at its eighty-fifth session (October 2020) will be provided orally by the Chair of TIRExB.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/13

(ii) Election of members of the TIR Executive Board

In accordance with Annex 8, Article 9, paragraph 2 of the Convention, the term of office of each member of TIRExB shall be two years. Since the present members of TIRExB have been elected at the Committee's session in February 2019, the Committee must, at its next session (11 February 2021) proceed with the election or re-election of the nine members of TIRExB. To ensure efficient voting at its session on 11 February 2021, the Committee may wish to take a decision regarding the election procedure, which, so far, has been based on the following provisions:

(a) the comment adopted on 26 June 1998 to the Rules of Procedure of TIRExB on "representation", with the exception of paragraph (c) as its provisions relate only to the initial election of Board members and are, thus, no longer appropriate (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/51, Annex and Corr.1);

(b) the procedure for the election of members of TIRExB, adopted on 26 February 2000 by the Committee (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/53, paras. 31 and 34). In addition, for the sake of transparency, the Committee decided, at its seventy-fourth session (October 2016), to apply Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), which stipulates that "all elections shall be decided by secret ballot, unless, in the absence of any objection, the Commission decides to proceed without taking a ballot on an agreed candidate or slate", even in the case the number of nominated candidates equals the number of available posts (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/131, para. 12).

¹ www.unece.org/tir/tir-depositary_notification.html.

Once a decision on the election procedure is taken, the Committee may wish to authorize the ECE secretariat to issue, in November 2020, a document recalling the approved election procedures and soliciting candidates willing to stand for election as members of TIRExB for the term 2021–2022. The deadline by which nominations would need to be received by the ECE secretariat is 14 December 2020, 0.00 hours CET. No further candidates may be nominated following expiry of this deadline, On 16 December 2020, the ECE secretariat will circulate a list of candidates who have been nominated by their respective governments or organizations, being contracting parties to the Convention.

(iii) International databases and electronic tools managed by the TIR secretariat

The Committee will be informed about developments related to the International TIR Data Bank (ITDB) and other information technology projects managed by the TIR secretariat, if any.

The Committee may wish to recall that, at its seventy-second session (February 2020), it took note of the data model for the ITDB customs offices module, presented in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/3. The Committee noted a difference in the definition of the roles of customs offices between the Russian version of the text and Article 1 of the TIR Convention. The Committee requested the secretariat to revise the document for its current session in that respect and to also clarify how data on the different roles of customs offices would be entered into ITDB. The Committee further requested the secretariat to deliver, at the current session, a presentation of the customs offices module in order to better understand its functioning (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/147, para. 13).

In line with the above, the Committee is invited to consider and, possibly, approve document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/3/Rev.1 and to take note of a presentation of the customs office module.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/3/Rev.1

(iv) National and regional TIR workshops and seminars

The Committee will be informed about TIR workshops and seminars conducted and/or planned.

(b) Administration of the TIR Executive Board and the TIR secretariat

(i) Status report on the accounts for the year 2019

In accordance with Annex 8, Article 11, paragraph 4 of the Convention, TIRExB shall submit audited accounts to the Committee at least once a year or at the request of the Committee. The Committee may wish to note that the competent Finance Services of the United Nations have formally finalized the accounts for 2019. The Committee will be invited to formally approve the status report on the accounts for 2019 as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/14.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/14

(ii) Interim financial statement for the year 2020

In line with standing practice, the Committee may wish to take note of the provisional interim statement for 2020 as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/15.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/15

(iii) Procedure for financing the operation of the TIR Executive Board and TIR secretariat

The Committee may wish to recall that the audit report and management letter for the year 2019 showed that the number of TIR Carnets distributed in 2019 (855,100) was lower than the forecast at the end of 2018 (973,525) and that, as a consequence, the books of the International Road Transport Union (IRU) were showing an internal deficit of SwF 134,808.73. The Committee decided to reflect this amount in the amount per TIR Carnet in 2021, in order to clear the above-mentioned deficit (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/147, para. 17).

In addition, the Committee may wish to recall the procedure for the collection and transfer of the amount per TIR Carnet to finance the operation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/145, para. 57 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2019/24, Annex II), according to which:

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(8) IRU maintains a separate account detailing the number of TIR Carnets distributed and the related amounts referred to in Annex 8, Article 13, paragraph 1 received;

(9) The IRU independent external auditor produces an audit certificate providing an opinion of the above-mentioned account for the year in question showing the amount transferred and the total amount actually invoiced (15 January);

(10) The difference between the two amounts will need to be adjusted a posteriori;

(11) On the basis of the above-mentioned audit certificate, if the amount invoiced was more than initially transferred by IRU, the Administrative Committee, at its spring session, will be informed and IRU shall transfer the excess to the UNECE named bank account (before 15 March). This amount will be reflected in the UNECE TIR accounts to be taken into account for the next budget year;

(12) On the basis of the above-mentioned audit certificate, if the amount invoiced was less than initially transferred by IRU, the Administrative Committee will reflect this amount in the amount per TIR Carnet to be applied in the next budget year to compensate the difference and ensure the financing of the operation of TIRExB and the TIR secretariat. If the amount invoiced is less than initially transferred by IRU to ensure the funding of the operation of TIRExB and the TIR secretariat for the last year of the ECE/IRU agreement, or on the termination of the same, the difference will be absorbed by IRU without recourse."

Under this agenda item, the Committee is invited to formally take note of the audit certificate of 2019, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/16.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/16

(iv) Budget proposal and cost plan for the year 2021

With reference to the procedure for the collection and transfer of the amount per TIR Carnet to finance the operation of TIRExB and the TIR secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/145, para. 57 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2019/24, Annex II), the Committee may wish to recall the following steps:

(a) The ECE secretariat prepares a budget proposal for the operation of TIRExB and the TIR secretariat, based on activity based budgeting principles (August);

(b) TIRExB establishes the budget proposal (September);

(c) The ECE secretariat prepares a document comprising the budget proposal established by TIRExB for approval by the TIR Administrative Committee and sends a copy thereof to IRU for information (September);

(d) The ECE secretariat requests IRU to provide an operational forecast of the number of TIR Carnets it expects to distribute in the forthcoming year (September);

(e) IRU provides the TIR Administrative Committee with its forecast of the number of TIR Carnets it expects to distribute in the forthcoming year for the consideration of the latter (September-October);

(f) The TIR Administrative Committee approves the budget and the net amount to be transferred by IRU, and takes note of the forecast established by IRU. The TIR Administrative Committee shall approve the amount per TIR Carnet as referred to in Annex 8, Article 13, paragraph 1, taking into account the calculation by the ECE secretariat on the basis of the forecast provided by IRU (September-October);

(g) IRU transfers the net amount approved by the Committee to the ECE named bank account (mid-November).

The Committee will be informed about the activities of the ECE secretariat and IRU under items (a) – (e). Under item (f), the Committee will be invited to approve the budget and cost plan for the operation of TIRExB and the TIR secretariat for the year 2021 as well as the net amount to be transferred by IRU, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/17. The Committee may also wish to take note of the forecast of the number of TIR Carnets IRU expects to distribute in 2021 (Informal document WP.30/AC.2 (2020) No. 6). The Committee may wish to approve the amount per TIR Carnet, taking into account the calculation by the ECE secretariat, which will be expressed in Swiss francs following the transfer of the above amount to the ECE named bank according to the prevailing United States dollar – Swiss franc exchange rate on the day of the transfer.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/17; Informal document WP.30/AC.2 (2020) No. 6

5. Revision of the Convention

(a) Amendment proposals to the Convention transmitted by the Working Party

The Committee may wish to recall that, at its seventy-second session (February 2020), it accepted the following proposals transmitted by the Working Party, pending formal adoption at the current session (see also agenda item 5 (c)):

(a) Explanatory Note to Article 49 (with a comment), introducing greater facilities, such as authorized consignor and consignee;

(b) Proposal to amend Article 20, introducing the concept of customs or economic unions;

(c) Proposal to amend Explanatory Note 0.8.3, substituting \$US 200,000 by 400,000 euros (but not in the corresponding comment thereto).

With regard to the Explanatory Note to Article 49, it was accepted with a reservation from the Russian Federation. The delegation of the European Union expressed its readiness to further clarify the use of authorized consignors in Union and common transit and share its good experiences with the Russian delegation, possibly even by means of a study visit (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/147, paras. 19–24).

There are, for the moment, no other proposals transmitted by the Working Party (For information: the proposal to amend Annex I, the layout of the TIR Carnet, is pending).

(b) Amendment proposals to the Convention transmitted by the TIR Executive Board

The Committee may wish to recall that at its seventy-second session (February 2020) it confirmed having accepted the following proposals transmitted by TIRExB, pending formal adoption at the current session (see also agenda item 5 (c)):

(a) Proposal to change, in Article 38, “within one week” into “without delay”;

(b) Proposal to change, in Explanatory Note 0.38.2, “is deemed” by “shall”;

(c) Proposal to reword, Explanatory Note 9.II.4, to read “Data, as set out in paragraph 4, shall be transmitted...”;

- (d) Proposal to change, in Annex 9, Part II, paragraph 4, “within one week” into “without delay”;
- (e) Proposal to amend the text of Annex 9, Part II, paragraph 4;
- (f) Proposal to reformulate the text of Annex 9, Part II, paragraph 5 to read “The associations shall transmit any change in the particulars of authorized persons without delay from the moment they become aware of it to the competent authorities and the TIR Executive Board;
- (g) Proposal to remove MAF and accompanying text from Annex 9, Part II.
- (h) Proposal to introduce a new Explanatory Note 0.45-1, reading: “The legal provisions to publish the list of customs offices of departure, customs offices en route and customs offices of destination approved for accomplishing TIR operations is also deemed to be fulfilled by means of the proper use of the electronic applications developed to this end by the TIR secretariat under the supervision of the TIR Executive Board” and to renumber current Explanatory Note 0.45-1 to become 0.45-2.

With regard to considerations of documents ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2019/22 by the Government of Uzbekistan and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2019/23 by IRU, the Chair concluded that diverging positions continue to exist. She requested the secretariat to get in touch with IRU to review cases where the notifications in ITDB on exclusions were, possibly, misused by other contracting parties. The Committee agreed to continue its discussions at the current session, based on a document by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/18) and its review by TIRExB (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/147, paras. 25–30).

The Committee may also wish to recall that, at its sixty-seventh session (February 2018), in relation to the exclusion of the Romanian national association, namely the *Asociația Română Pentru Transporturi Rutiere Internaționale (ARTRI)*, TIRExB had reminded AC.2 of its findings that the TIR Convention was silent on the agreement between the international organization and its national associations except for a reference in Explanatory Note 0.6.2 *bis*-1. TIRExB further informed the Committee that it was considering a proposal by the Romanian customs authorities to clarify the reasons for termination of the written agreements between the international organization and its national associations in a new Explanatory Note to Article 6. The Committee requested TIRExB to study E.N. 0.6.2 *bis* to assess whether or to which extent it would be possible to include provisions on the relations between the international organization and its national associations in the text of the TIR Convention (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/137, paras. 16 and 39). The Committee may wish to consider the results of the assessment by TIRExB, together with a proposal to amend the Convention, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/19.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2019/22; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2019/23;
ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/18; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/19

(c) Accepted amendment proposals to the Convention pending formal adoption

As outlined under agenda items 5 (a) and (b), the Committee, at its previous session, accepted a package of amendment proposals, pending formal adoption at the current session. The Committee requested the secretariat to prepare a document, proposing, where possible, a sub-grouping of the package, in order to streamline the process of their transmission to the depositary (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/147, para. 35). In addition, at its seventy-first session (October 2019), the Committee already formally adopted proposals contained in Annex I of document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2019/6/Rev.1 (proposals to amend Article 6, paragraph 1, Article 18, Annex I, Annex 6 (Explanatory Notes to Article 6, para. 2 and to Article 18) and Annex 9, Part I, para. 1) (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/145, para. 47).

Further to this request, the secretariat prepared document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/20, for consideration and formal adoption by the Committee. The Committee is further invited to provide guidance which amendment proposals could be submitted as a group and which should be submitted separately and decide

for any group, following the provisions of Article 60, the deadlines for objection and their entry into force.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/20

(d) Recommendation to Annex 3 on a code system to report defect remarks in the certificate of approval

The Committee may wish to recall that, at its seventy-second session (February 2020), the delegations of Azerbaijan, the European Union and Turkey reported on the benefits of the code system and advocated its conversion into, possibly, an Appendix to Annex 3. In order to obtain a better understanding about the current practice in applying the recommendation, the Committee requested the secretariat to launch a short survey among contracting parties about their national experiences in this area. The results of the survey should be forwarded for review and assessment by TIRExB at its June 2020 session, after which TIRExB was invited to transmit its findings to the Committee for consideration at its next session (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/147, para. 36).

Considering that the June 2020 session of TIRExB was postponed to October 2020, due to the COVID pandemic, the Committee may wish to be orally briefed by the Chair of TIRExB about the initial findings of the Board.

6. eTIR

The Committee will be informed about the latest developments in the field of computerization of the TIR procedure (eTIR). In particular:

(a) the outcome of the thirty-first session of the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1), that was held in Geneva on 10 and 11 March 2020, (please refer to document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2020/5 for the report);

(b) the latest developments in eTIR pilot projects, eTIR interconnection projects and other developments towards the full implementation of eTIR.

7. Agreement between the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the International Road Transport Union

The Committee may wish to recall that, at its seventy-first session (October 2019), it adopted the new draft ECE/IRU agreement for the period 2020–2022 inclusive, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2019/24 and mandated ECE and IRU to proceed with signing the new agreement at the earliest convenience, but, in any case, well before 15 November 2019. Further, the Committee, noting that some contracting parties needed time for further consideration decided keeping the item in the agenda for its February 2020 session, taking into account Article 9 of the draft agreement (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/145, para. 57).

The Committee may also wish to recall that, at its previous session (February 2020), (a) the delegation of the European Union informed about minor comments to the agreement, but that it could accept that these comments only be taken on board when drafting the new agreement for the year 2023 and beyond and that it raised, in particular, the idea of introducing a so-called “hand-over” clause; (b) the delegation of the Russian Federation supported the proposals of the European Union but challenged why the Committee would have to wait until the new agreement; (c) the delegation of the Russian Federation was of the view that, in Annex IV, all conditions of Annex 9, Part III should be addressed; (d) the delegation of the Russian Federation requested the secretariat to prepare, for consideration, at the current session, a document elaborating how the conditions and requirements of Annex 9, Part III could be addressed and included in the ECE/IRU agreement; and (e) the Committee requested

the secretariat to issue the comments by the European Union as an official document for consideration at the current session (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/147, para. 38).

In line with the above, the secretariat prepared document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/21 on inserting the conditions and requirements of Annex 9, Part III in the ECE/IRU agreement and document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/22 transmitting a non-paper by the European Union on the agreement between ECE and IRU.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/21; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/22

8. Audit of the accounts of the TIR Executive Board and the TIR secretariat

The Committee may wish to recall that, at its seventy-first session (October 2019), it noted that the audit requested by AC.2 at its sixty-fourth session (October 2016) from the competent United Nations services on the accounts of TIRExB and the TIR secretariat (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/131, para. 22) had been undertaken by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) and completed in March 2019, and that the audit report was presented in ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2019/25.

The Committee may further wish to recall that, at its previous session (February 2020): (a) documents ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/8, 10 and 11 were not available in French and Russian; (b) the Committee requested that discussions on OIOS recommendations No. 1, No. 3 and No. 7 be postponed to the current session; and (c) the Committee decided that only recommendations No. 2 and No. 10 could be discussed.

As for recommendation No. 2 (Terms of Reference for TIR focal points, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/9), the Committee requested the secretariat to review them further to comments by delegations and to seek the view of national focal points from both customs and associations. Based on their feedback and the follow-up considerations by the Committee, at the current session, it could then be envisaged to submit the updated ToR to heads of customs for their approval (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/147, paras. 42 and 43).

Further to delays in launching the survey, due to the COVID-pandemic, the results of the survey will be submitted to the Committee as an Informal document.

As for recommendation No. 10 (action plan for training and support of recently acceded countries, contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/2), the Committee welcomed, in principle, the action plan, but questioned the ambitious time-plan and the amount of human and financial resources required for its implementation. The Committee requested the secretariat to prepare, for consideration at its current session, an assessment of the effectiveness of the action plan for the year 2020, for review by the Committee, with the possibility to adjust the plan for the years 2021 and 2022, is so required (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/147, para. 44).

Further to this request, the secretariat prepared document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/23, for consideration by the Committee.

The Committee is invited to consider documents ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/8, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/10 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/11 and provide guidance to the secretariat on transmitting its findings back to OIOS.

The secretariat will orally brief the Committee about follow-up actions on the other recommendations, if any.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2019/25; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/7;
ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/8; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/10;
ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/11; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/23

9. Other business

(a) The International Road Transport Union external audit report and related matters

The Committee may wish to recall that, at its previous session (February 2020), it decided to keep the item in the agenda, while recalling its decision to consider the audit report as part of the list of documentation to be drafted in relation to Recommendation No.1 of OIOS (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/147, para. 49).

The Committee is invited to resume its considerations of the issue at hand.

(b) Date of next session

The ECE secretariat has made tentative arrangements to hold the seventy-fourth session of the Committee on 11 February 2021. The Committee may wish to confirm this date.

(c) Restriction on the distribution of documents

The Committee may wish to decide whether there should be any restriction on the distribution of documents issued in connection with its current session.

(d) List of decisions

Following a decision by the Committee, a list of decisions will be attached to the final report.

10. Adoption of the report

In accordance with Annex 8, Article 7 of the convention, the Committee will adopt the report of its seventy-third 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 end of the session for adoption in all working languages.
