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Transport****Group of Experts on Legal Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure****Fifth session**

Geneva, 30 and 31 October 2017

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Annotated provisional agenda for the fifth session*, ****

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday,
30 October 2017, Room IX.

* 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, documents may be obtained directly from the UNECE Transport Division (Fax: +41-22-917-0039; e-mail: wp.30@unece.org). Documents may also be downloaded from the UNECE Border Crossing Facilitation website www.unece.org/trans/bcf/welcome.html. During the meeting, documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

** The full text of the Convention, as well as complete lists of Contracting Parties to the Convention referred to in this agenda are available on the UNECE website: www.unece.org/trans/conventn/legalinst.html#customs. Delegates are requested to register online at: www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=Xg0Kty or to complete the registration form available from www.unece.org/meetings/practical_information/confpart.pdf and to transmit it to the UNECE secretariat, at the latest one week prior to the session by e-mail (wp.30@unece.org). 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 UNECE secretariat (internal extension 75975). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm.



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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The first item to be considered is the adoption of the agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/9

2. Compatibility of the eTIR legal framework with national legal requirements: survey on electronic authentication methods

At its previous session, GE.2 considered an updated analysis of the survey results on electronic authentication mechanisms and noted, with concern, that a limited number of respondents had indicated that the only applicable authentication method in their countries is Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) electronic signature, issued by a domestic certification authority and, exclusively, to the residents of those countries. GE.2 was of the view that the replies of those countries should be examined more closely at the next session, in order to assess the situation and discuss possible ways forward and requested the secretariat to compile the replies of the countries concerned in a new document for the current session. Against this background, GE.2 will be invited to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2017/3.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2017/3

3. Identification of the holder and verification of the integrity of electronic data interchange messages

Under this agenda item, GE.2 will be invited to revert to document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2017/2, submitted by the delegation of the Russian Federation and referring to threats to information security, which was not discussed at the previous session. GE.2 may wish to recall that it was of the view that this document could only be discussed in the presence of and following clarifications by the submitting delegation.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2017/2

4. Financing of the eTIR international system

GE.2 will be informed about the outcome of the considerations of the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) at its 146th and 147th sessions and, in that light, will be invited to continue its discussions on the issue of financing the eTIR international system. GE.2 may wish to recall that, in line with its Terms of Reference, the Group of Expert was expected to take account of legal aspects of financing and draft the relevant provisions in the eTIR legal framework accordingly. Taking stock of the considerations and recommendations of WP.30 on this issue, GE.2 will be invited to conclude its assessment on the financing references in the draft legal framework.

5. Format, administrative structure and substantive content of the eTIR legal framework

At its previous session, GE.2 decided to submit the draft eTIR legal framework to the Working Party (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/8, para. 23). Under this agenda item, GE.2 will be informed about the considerations of WP.30 at its 147th session (October 2017) on draft Annex 11 and associated amendments to the TIR Convention (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2017/24). Based on these considerations, GE.2 will be invited to examine, comment on and, where possible, agree on any necessary final adjustments to the eTIR legal framework.

The Group of Experts may wish to recall that the fifth session will conclude the two year mandate of GE.2 and that the outcomes of its work will be discussed and, eventually, finalized by the Working Party.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2017/24

6. Provisions of the TIR Convention that may be affected by the introduction of eTIR

GE.2 agreed, at previous sessions, that the question of provisions of the TIR Convention, 1975 that may be affected by the introduction of the eTIR legal framework, should be closely monitored and assessed as the work progresses. Against this background, GE.2 is invited to raise related issues or concerns, if any, for further discussion.

7. Other business

Usage of the eTIR functional and technical specifications

As a point of information, and in follow-up to the discussions at the previous session, GE.2 will be orally informed about the considerations of WP.30 on a usage clause and liability disclaimer to be attached to eTIR materials published on the UNECE web page.

8. Conclusion of the mandate of GE.2 and final report

In line with standing practice, GE.2 will take note of the main conclusions of the session and the secretariat will prepare the full report in consultation with the chair, after the session.

Under this agenda item, GE.2 will be invited to take note of and endorse document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2017/4, containing a consolidated summary of the outputs of GE.2 and demonstrating that GE.2, in its two year mandate, has met all the requirements of its Terms of Reference and Programme of Work (self-evaluation).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2017/4
