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Other business

Usage of the eTIR functional and technical specifications

Note by the secretariat

I. Background

1. The eTIR functional and technical specifications (formerly the eTIR Reference Model) as well as the eTIR XML schemas (XSD) are available on the eTIR website. To this date, no specific decision has been taken to make reference to the conditions governing their usage and distribution as well as to the protection of the United Nations from any liability with respect to this material.

II. Considerations by GE.2

2. GE.1 at its twenty-sixth session (18 and 19 May 2017) will be invited to take note of and, possibly, provide its preliminary views on the public availability of the material. GE.2 may also wish to provide its preliminary considerations on this matter. On the basis of the guidance received, the secretariat will prepare, in consultation with the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, an appropriate text to be attached to all material developed in the framework of the eTIR project, in line with the relevant United Nations rules and regulations. GE.2 may also wish to note that, in this process, the secretariat will take due account of precedent examples such as the practices adopted for the XML schemas developed by UN/CEFACT and other technical documents and keep GE.2 duly informed at future sessions.
