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1. Adoption of the agenda.

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

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/1

2. Election of officers

The Group of Experts is invited to elect a Chair and a vice-Chair, in accordance with the Rules of procedure of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), to steer its work in 2015.

3. Administrative arrangements

The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Group of Experts as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2014/14 and Corr.1, were approved by the Inland Transport Committee at its seventy-seventh session on 24–26 February 2015 (see ECE/TRANS/248, para. 103) and by the Executive Committee of UNECE (EXCOM) on 31 March 2015.

The Group of Experts may wish to note that, unless it decides otherwise, the applicable Rules of Procedure shall be those of UNECE as contained in document E/ECE/778/Rev.5. 3

Under this agenda item, the Group of Experts will also be informed that, in line with applicable guidelines on procedures and practices for UNECE bodies, as issued by EXCOM and contained in document E/2013/374, the secretariat will issue a report after the session, which will be submitted for endorsement to WP.30, pursuant to the ToR of the Group of Experts.

In line with its ToR, the Group of Experts, at its first meeting, will have to adopt a work plan, clearly defining its objectives and activities, including a time schedule for their implementation. Pursuant to this requirement, the secretariat has prepared document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2015/1, outlining a draft work plan with prioritization of objectives, based on the ToR, for consideration and adoption by the Group of Experts.

Documentation
ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2014/14 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2015/1

4. Legal aspects of the computerization of the TIR procedure: current status

The Group of Experts may wish to take note of the preparatory work of WP.30 (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2014/7 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2014/13) on the legal aspects of

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4 Guidelines on procedures and practices for ECE bodies, available at: www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/commission/EXCOM/Key_documents/E_ECE_1464_Appendix_III.pdf
computerization of the TIR procedure. These documents outline the main considerations of WP.30, as well as contain a first set of draft provisions for the future eTIR legal framework. The Group of Experts may also wish to take stock of the non-technical findings of the Informal Ad Hoc Expert Group on Technical and Conceptual Aspects of Computerizing the TIR Procedure (GE.1), contained in Chapters 1 and 2 of the latest version of the eTIR Reference Model (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2011/4/Rev.1)\(^5\), as well as the recommendations of GE.1 as endorsed by WP.30 (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2015/4).

As a contribution to the work, the secretariat has prepared a background document (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2015/2), providing an overview of pending substantive issues, in part as discussed by the Working Party, to be considered by the Group of Experts in the development of the legal framework required for the computerization of the TIR procedure. These include, but are not limited to, questions on the organizational, financial and administrative aspects for managing the eTIR international system, as well as the incorporation of legal concepts such as – for example – the mutual recognition of authentication mechanisms, the integration of the technical documents (eTIR Reference Model) into the legal framework and other related questions. The Group of Experts may wish to instruct the secretariat to include these issues or selection thereof as separate agenda items for the next session, to enable thorough and in depth consideration and development of the relevant legal provisions.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2014/7, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2014/13, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2011/4/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2015/4, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2015/2

5. **Other business**

At present, there are no proposals under this item. Proposals should be transmitted to the secretariat prior to the session.

6. **Dates of the next session**

The Group of Experts may wish to decide on the dates of its next session. The secretariat has tentatively made arrangements for the second session to be held from 3 to 4 May 2016.