

Item 4.4 Identification, isolation and elimination of major bottlenecks along international transport routes

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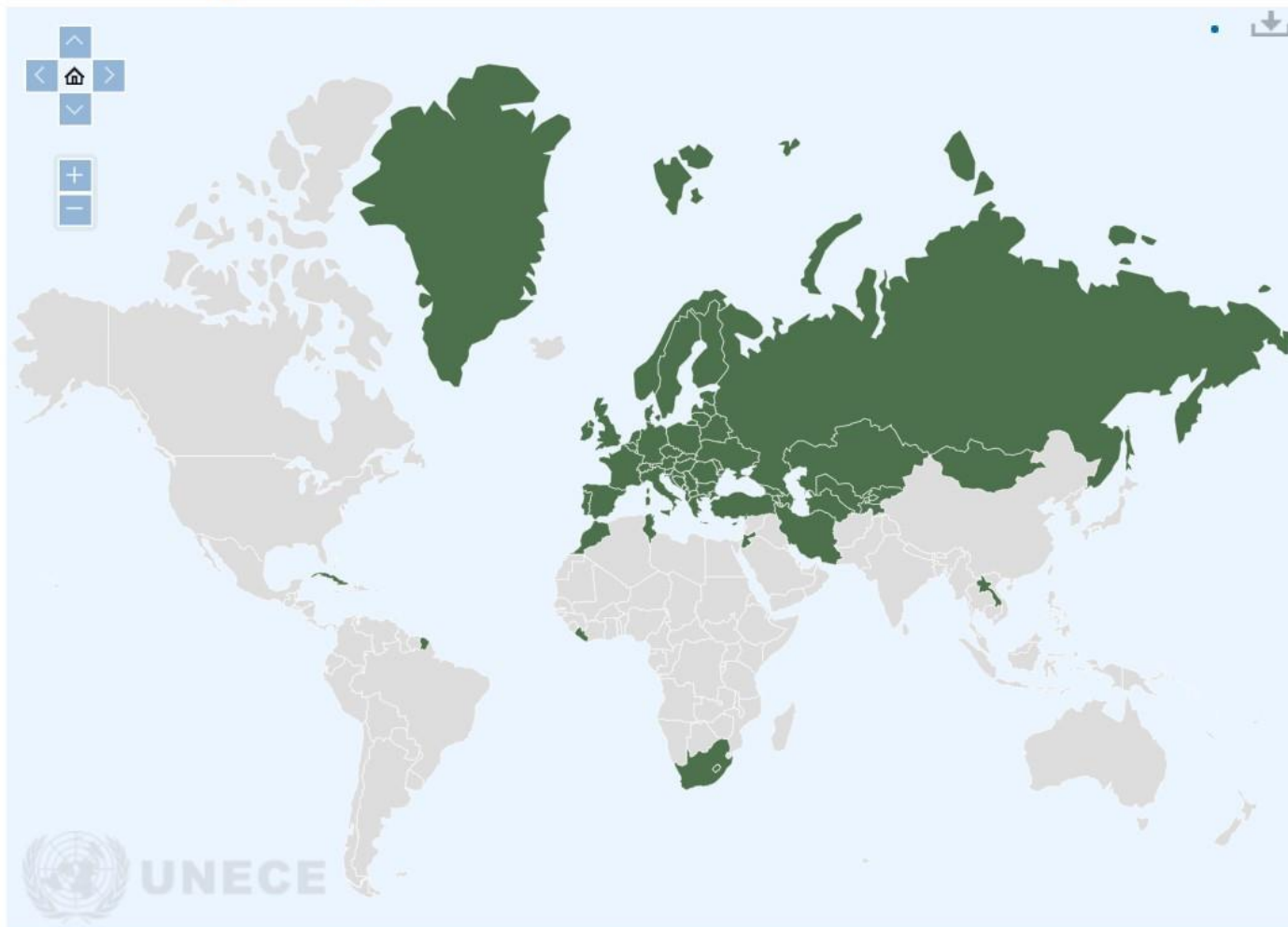
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Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (1982)

UN Transport Agreements and Conventions



International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 21 October 1982

Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (1982)



- 58 Contracting parties, all SPECA countries except Afghanistan – Turkmenistan acceded on 27/11/2016
- Latest survey on the implementation of Annex 8 on road border crossing launched in November 2016. Several provisions successfully implemented, but further actions on: International Vehicle Weight Certificate, visa procedures, accession to 1997 Agreement on PTI and reciprocal recognition of such inspections and acceptance of ITIC
- WP.30 start with development of Annex 10 to address facilitation of maritime port procedures (June 2016)

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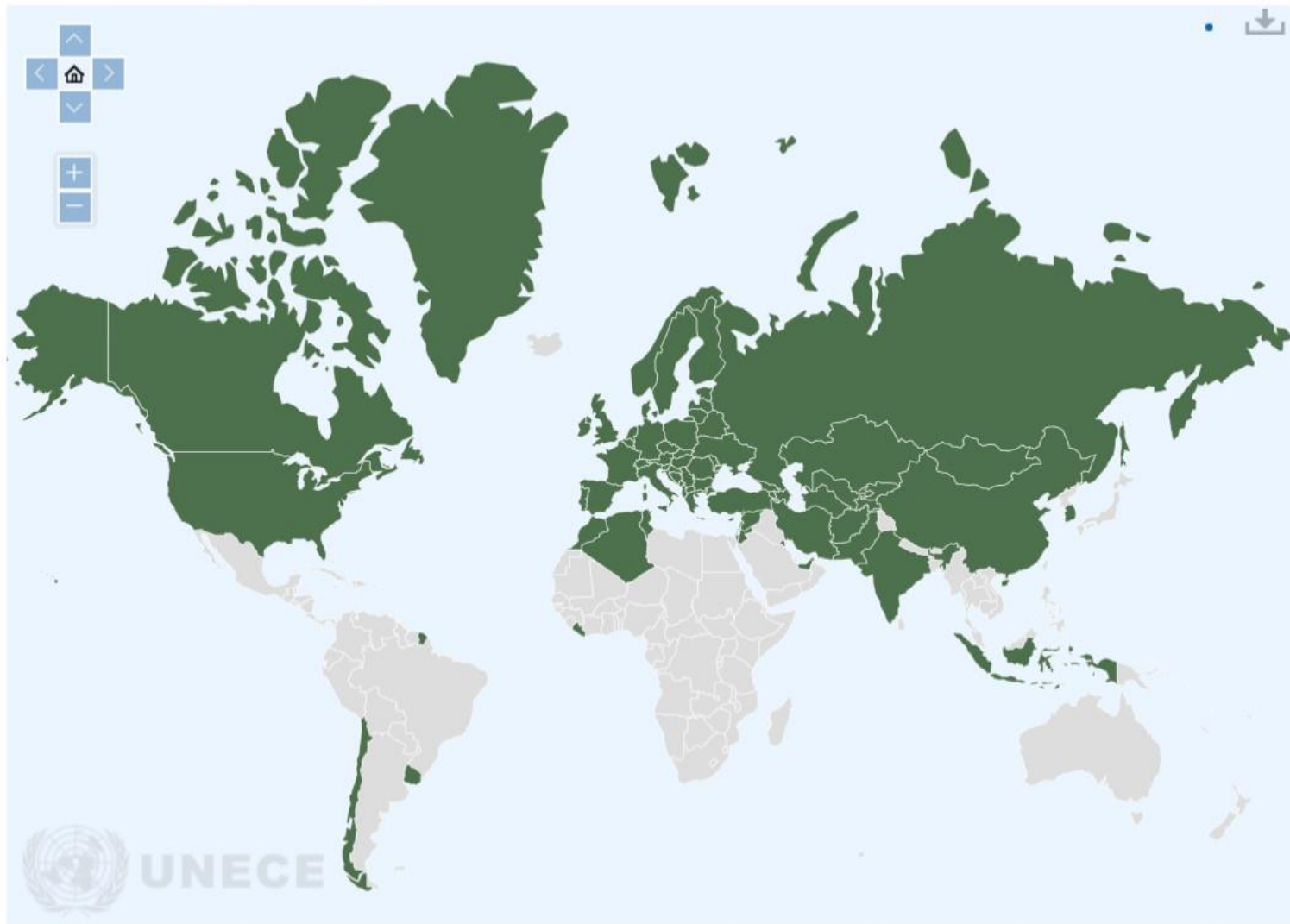
- Annex 9 on rail border crossing to the Harmonization Convention entered into force on 30 November 2011 – key principles for facilitation of border crossing procedures for international rail freight
 - Action Plan for monitoring of the provisions (WP.30, November 2015) – actions for issuance of visas for professionals, development of cooperation mechanisms, enhanced risk management and time limits for technical operations.

New Convention on rail border crossings for passengers and their luggage



- Draft discussed within WP.30 and SC.2 over the course of 2017
- WP.30 conducted a comparative study to assess the level of necessity of this Convention
- In November 2016 (70th SC.2 session) Road map for finalization agreed
- In October 2017, WP.30 have commenced renewed considerations on a revised draft
- Particular interest in OSJD countries.

TIR Convention (1975)



Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention), of 14 November 1975

TIR Convention (1975)

Objectives

- Border crossing facilitation through an internationally recognized and harmonized procedure
- Effective revenue protection and security without excessive administrative burden for customs and time/cost losses for operators

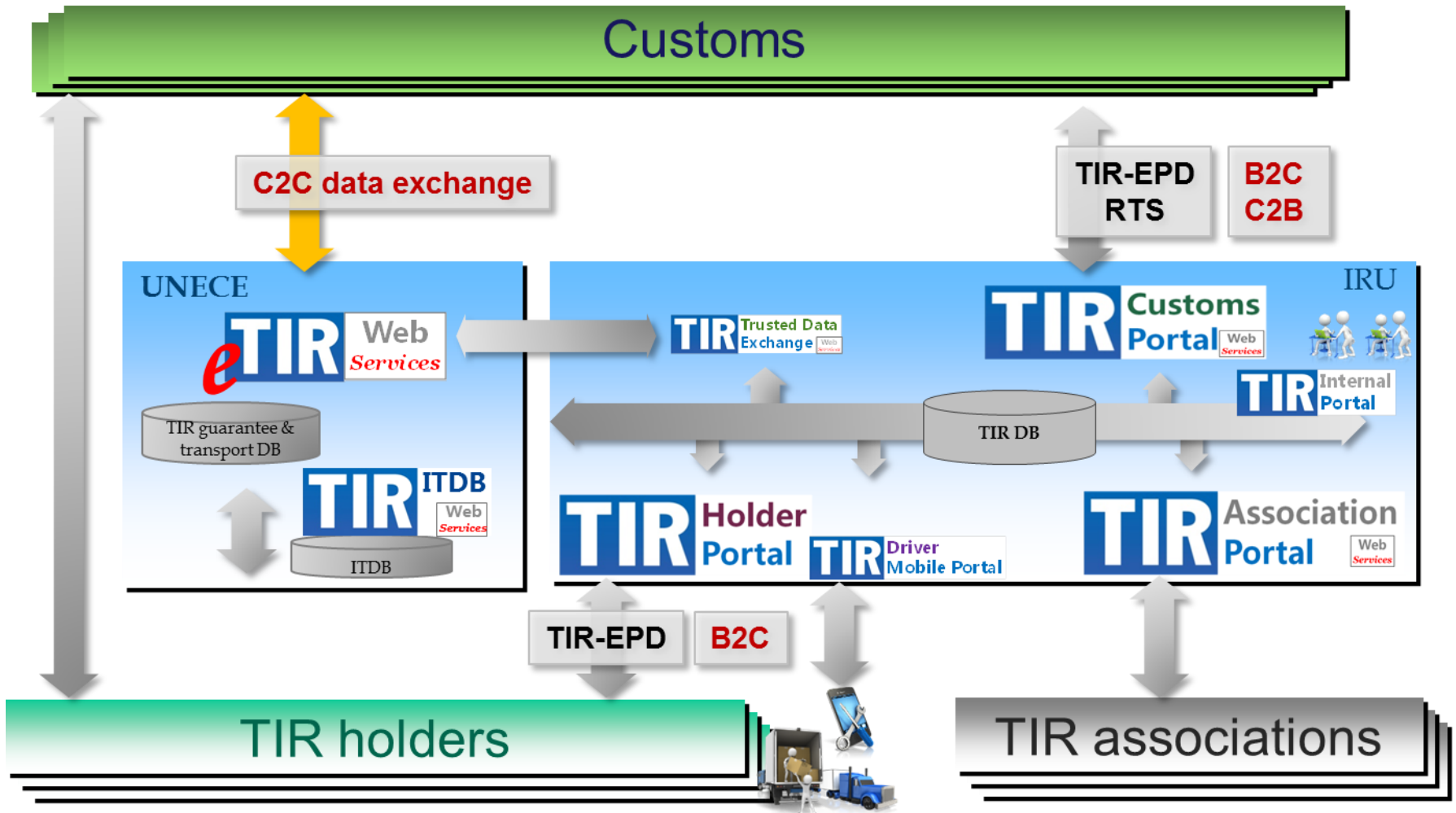
Governing Bodies

- Administrative Committee (AC.2)
- TIR Executive Board
- TIR Secretary
- TIR Secretariat

TIR Convention (1975)

- 71 Contracting Parties, accession of India (2017)
- New Group of Experts on the Legal Aspects of the computerization of the TIR procedure concluded its mandate (October 2017) – a new optional TIR Annex
- eTIR Pilot Project between Turkey and Iran launched in November 2015, successfully concluded in February 2017
- Second eTIR project between Georgia and Turkey started in January 2016 (partly financed within C2C UNDA project) – the Central Exchange Platform now fully operational

eTIR high-level architecture



eTIR development – the next steps

- New UNECE-IRU eTIR MoU under preparation
- Possibilities for new pilot project: Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Ukraine discussed in Batumi (May 2017)
- World Customs Organization IT Conference in Tbilisi (June 2017)
- High-Level Meeting for the Euro-Asia Region on Improving Cooperation on Transit, Trade Facilitation and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Hanoi, March 2017).

Thank you



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