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Item 6 of the provisional agenda

Summary of decisions

Draft list of decisions

1. The Group of Experts adopted the revised agenda as contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.2/PIRRS/2020/7.
2. The Group of Experts noted the information provided as an update on the Background of the Group of Experts in relation to the Luxembourg Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment.
3. The Group of Experts thanked delegates for their responses to the questionnaire included in document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/PIRRS/2020/11. It asked other member States and delegates to provide their responses to the questionnaire by 15 January 2021. In providing their answers, respondents are also asked to provide information on whether to include multiple options and flexibility. Respondents should also state whether there should be a recommended maximum time period between the issuing of the URVIS number and the affixing of the URVIS number to the rolling stock.
 - 3b. During session discussions experts agreed that a series of questions relating to the implementation of URVIS numbers could be reflected in the creation of model rules on the technical aspects of implementation, to provide guidance in respect of different affixing requirements included in leasing and loan agreement options which may be adopted, by reference, by all parties to the contract and other stakeholders.
4. The Group of Experts took note of the information provided by the secretariat as set out in document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/PIRRS/2020/9 on the International Registry of Aircraft.
5. The Group reiterated the importance of the preparation of the documents identified in paragraphs 19, 23, 24 and 28 of the report of the first session of the Group of Experts (ECE/TRANS/SC.2/PIRRS/2020/2) and reminded drafters to submit these documents to the secretariat by 31 January 2021 to ensure that they are available in three languages before the third session of the Group.
6. The Group Experts agreed that due to limited time it would postpone discussions on agenda items 3d to 3g to the next session.
7. The Group of Experts regretted that its current session suffered from a reduction in the allocation of the conference services by the United Nations Office in Geneva versus the previously accepted service level. The Group stressed the importance of official

intergovernmental deliberations on technical matters such as those discussed by the Group. To this end, the Group expressed dissatisfaction that the cuts impacted its deliberations. It expressed a hope that such situation would not be repeated in the future.

8. The Group of Experts encouraged member States to nominate candidates for the position of Vice-Chair to be elected at the next session of the Group of Experts. These nominations are to be forwarded to the secretariat by 31 January 2021.

9. The Group of Experts agreed to tentatively schedule its third session from 5 to 7 May 2021 in Geneva.

10. The Group of Experts adopted its list of decisions as set out in Informal Document 7 which, as per recent EXCOM decision, would be subject to a 72-hour silence procedure in the event of technical connection difficulties of member State representatives.
