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Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eighty-fourth session* **

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on Thursday 10 October 2024, at 10 a.m., Room XXVI

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* 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 ECE Sustainable Transport Division (email: wp.30@un.org). Documents may also be downloaded from the ECE Border Crossing Facilitation website www.unece.org/trans/bcf/welcome.html.

** The full text of the TIR Convention, 1975, as well as a complete list of contracting parties to the TIR Convention, are available on the ECE website: www.unece.org/trans/conventn/legalinst.html#customs. All delegates are requested to register online, including those holding long-duration badges, at: <https://indico.un.org/event/1007262/> at the latest one week prior to the session. Delegates without a valid long-duration 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 ECE secretariat by phone +41 22 917 59 75 or email: maria.mostovets@un.org. For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html.



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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee may wish to consider and adopt the agenda of the session (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/170). The Committee will be informed that, according to Annex 8, Article 6 of the TIR Convention, 1975, "a quorum consisting of not less than one-third of the States which are contracting parties is required for the purpose of taking decisions". The number of States which are contracting parties to the convention is seventy-seven.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/170

2. Status of the TIR Convention, 1975

The Committee will be informed about changes in the status of the Convention and in the number of contracting parties. The Committee may wish to note that, in accordance with its Article 53, paragraph 2, the Convention entered into force for Iraq on 27 September 2023. With the accession of Iraq, the TIR Convention now has seventy-eight contracting parties. Since the activation of the system for Qatar, TIR operations can be established with sixty-five countries. Detailed information on this issue as well as on depositary notifications is available on the TIR website.¹

3. Activities and administration of the TIR Executive Board

(a) Activities of the TIR Executive Board

(i) Report by the Chair of the TIR Executive Board

In accordance with Annex 8, Article 11, paragraph 4 of the Convention and in line with the decision of the Committee (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/55, paras. 14 and 15), the secretariat has reproduced the report of the TIR Executive Board (TIRExB) at its ninety-ninth (October 2024), session, for information and endorsement by the Committee (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/13).

More information about recent activities of TIRExB as well as about various considerations and decisions taken at its one hundredth session (June 2024) will be provided orally by the Chair of TIRExB.

Under this agenda item, the Committee may also wish to take note of document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/14, containing the prices of TIR Carnets for the years 2023 and 2024, as communicated to TIRExB per the requirements of Annex 9, Part I, paragraph 3 (vi) of the TIR Convention, as well as their analysis. The Committee may also wish to take note of a letter from IRU presenting the distribution prices for guarantees issued under the eTIR procedure, as reproduced in Informal document WP.30/AC.2 (2024) No. 13.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/13; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/14; Informal document WP.30/AC.2 (2024) No. 13

(ii) Election of members of the TIR Executive Board

In accordance with Annex 8, Article 9, paragraph 2 of the Convention, the term of office of each member of TIRExB shall be two years. Since the present members of TIRExB have been elected at the Committee's sessions in February 2023 and June 2023, the Committee must, at its next session (6 February 2025) proceed with the election or re-election of the nine members of TIRExB. To ensure efficient voting at its session on 6 February 2025, the Committee may wish to take a decision regarding the election procedure, which, so far, has been based on the following provisions: (a) the comment adopted on 26 June 1998 to the Rules of Procedure of TIRExB on "representation", with the exception of paragraph (c) as its provisions relate only to the initial election of Board members and are, thus, no longer appropriate (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/51, Annex and Corr.1); (b) the procedure for the election of members of TIRExB, adopted on 26 February 2000 by the Committee (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/53, paras. 31 and 34). In addition, for the sake of transparency, the Committee decided, at its seventy-fourth session (October 2016), to apply Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), which stipulates that "all elections shall be decided by secret ballot, unless, in the absence of any objection, the Commission decides to proceed without taking a ballot on an agreed candidate or slate", even in the case the number of nominated candidates equals the number of available posts (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/131, para. 12). Once a decision on the election procedure is taken, the Committee may wish to authorize the ECE secretariat to issue, in

¹ <https://unece.org/transport/tir>

November 2024, a document recalling the approved election procedures and soliciting candidates willing to stand for election as members of TIRExB for the term 2025–2026. The deadline by which nominations would need to be received by the ECE secretariat is 13 December 2024, midnight, CET. No further candidates may be nominated following expiry of this deadline. On 16 December 2024, the ECE secretariat will circulate a list of candidates who have been nominated by their respective governments or organizations, being contracting parties to the Convention.

(iii) International databases and electronic tools managed by the TIR secretariat

The Committee will be informed about developments related to the International TIR Data Bank (ITDB) and other information technology projects managed by the TIR secretariat, if any.

(iv) National and regional TIR workshops and seminars

The Committee will be informed about TIR workshops and seminars conducted and/or planned, if any.

(b) Administration of the TIR Executive Board and the TIR secretariat

(i) Status report on the accounts for the year 2023

In accordance with Annex 8, Article 11, paragraph 4 of the Convention, TIRExB shall submit audited accounts to the Committee at least once a year or at the request of the Committee. The Committee may wish to note that the competent Finance Services of the United Nations have formally finalized the accounts for 2023. The Committee will be invited to formally approve the status report on the accounts for 2023, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/9.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/9

(ii) Interim financial statement for the year 2024

In line with standing practice, the Committee may wish to take note of the provisional interim statement for 2024, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/8.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/8

(iii) Procedure for financing the operation of the TIR Executive Board and TIR secretariat

Under this agenda item, the Committee is invited to formally take note of the audit certificate of 2023, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/11 and note the number of TIR Carnets distributed in 2023 as well as well as resulting excess amount or deficit.

In addition, the Committee may wish to recall the procedure for the collection and transfer of the amount per TIR Carnet to finance the operation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/145, para. 57 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2019/24, Annex II), according to which:

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(8) IRU maintains a separate account detailing the number of TIR Carnets distributed and the related amounts referred to in Annex 8, Article 13, paragraph 1 received;

(9) The IRU independent external auditor produces an audit certificate providing an opinion of the above-mentioned account for the year in question showing the amount transferred and the total amount actually invoiced (15 January);

(10) The difference between the two amounts will need to be adjusted a posteriori;

11. On the basis of the above-mentioned audit certificate, if the amount invoiced was more than initially transferred by IRU, the TIR Administrative Committee, at its spring session, will be informed and IRU shall transfer the excess to the UNECE named bank account (before 15 March). This amount will be reflected in the UNECE account to be taken into account for the next budget year;

12. On the basis of the above-mentioned audit certificate, if the amount invoiced was less than initially transferred by IRU, the TIR Administrative Committee, will reflect this amount in the amount per TIR Carnet to be applied in the next budget year to compensate the difference and ensure the financing of the operation of TIRExB and the TIR secretariat. If the amount invoiced is less than initially transferred by IRU to ensure the funding of the operation of TIRExB and the TIR secretariat for the last year of this Agreement, or on termination of the same, the difference will be absorbed by IRU without recourse”.

In view of the above, the Committee will be invited to approve the appropriate action according to items 11 or 12 of the above procedure."

Furthermore, the Committee may wish to recall that a consultant was hired on behalf of the secretariat having legal expertise and assist the secretariat to finetuning the implementation of the current agreement between ECE and IRU and exploring options to co-finance the TIR secretariat from funds additional to those collected by means of an amount per TIR Carnet. The Committee took note at its Eighty-second session in February 2024 (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/167, paras. 18–21) Informal document WP.30/AC.2 (2024) No. 3, which included the preliminary findings of the consultant and requested the delegates to provide inputs and views with the aim to have a first version of a formal document for consideration by the Committee, if possible at its extraordinary session in June 2024.

The Committee during its extraordinary session in June 2024 considered document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2024/10–ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/7. The delegates provided some preliminary remarks and due to lack of time the Committee decided to postpone discussions on this topic at its next session acknowledging that the urgency exists with the eTIR financing and not the financing of the operation of the TIR Executive Board and TIR secretariat since a well-established mechanism already exists. The representative of Türkiye mentioned that the proposed document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2024/10–ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/7 should be revised based on the proposal submitted by the Turkish delegation in the agenda item on eTIR financing for consideration by the Committee at its next session. Therefore, the Committee may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2024/10/Rev.1–ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/7/Rev.1 that includes the above-mentioned amendments.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/11; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2024/10/Rev.1–ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/7/Rev.1

(iv) Budget proposal for the year 2025

With reference to the procedure for the collection and transfer of the amount per TIR Carnet to finance the operation of TIRExB and the TIR secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/145, para. 57 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2019/24, Annex II), the Committee may wish to recall the following steps:

- (a) The ECE secretariat prepares a budget proposal for the operation of TIRExB and the TIR secretariat, based on activity-based budgeting principles (August);
- (b) TIRExB establishes the budget proposal (September);
- (c) The ECE secretariat prepares a document comprising the budget proposal established by TIRExB for approval by the TIR Administrative Committee and sends a copy thereof to IRU for information (September);
- (d) The ECE secretariat requests IRU to provide an operational forecast of the number of TIR Carnets it expects to distribute in the forthcoming year (September);

(e) IRU provides the TIR Administrative Committee with its forecast of the number of TIR Carnets it expects to distribute in the forthcoming year, for the consideration of the latter (September–October);

(f) The TIR Administrative Committee approves the budget and the net amount to be transferred by IRU and takes note of the forecast established by IRU. The TIR Administrative Committee shall approve the amount per TIR Carnet, as referred to in Annex 8, Article 13, paragraph 1, taking into account the calculation by the ECE secretariat on the basis of the forecast provided by IRU (September–October);

(g) IRU transfers the net amount approved by the Committee to the ECE named bank account (mid-November).

The Committee will be informed about the activities of the ECE secretariat and IRU under items (a)–(e). Under item (f), the Committee will be invited to approve the budget and cost plan for the operation of TIRExB and the TIR secretariat for the year 2025 as well as the net amount to be transferred by IRU, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/10. The Committee may also wish to take note of the forecast of the number of TIR Carnets IRU expects to distribute in 2025 (Informal document WP.30/AC.2 (2024) No. 11). The Committee may wish to approve the amount per TIR Carnet, taking into account the calculation by the ECE secretariat, which will be expressed in Swiss francs following the transfer of the above amount to the ECE named bank according to the prevailing United States dollar – Swiss franc exchange rate on the day of the transfer.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/10; Informal document WP.30/AC.2 (2024) No. 11

5. Revision of the Convention

(a) Amendment proposals to the Convention transmitted by the Working Party

Under this agenda item, the Committee may wish to take note that, for the time being, no amendment proposals have been transmitted by the Working Party for consideration.

(b) Amendment proposals to the Convention transmitted by the TIR Executive Board

The Committee may wish to recall that it had agreed with the amendments proposed in chapters II.3 and II.4 of document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2023/10, i.e., the prolongation of the validity of the certificate of approval to three years and the acceptance of the certificate of approval until the last date of validity. However, regarding the new Explanatory Note 8.10 (e) and the Explanatory Note 0.6.2 bis1, on the basis of a proposal made by the Russian Federation, the Committee agreed on a revised version of the text proposed by TIRExB.

The Committee mandated the secretariat to include the four amendments in a revised document to be submitted at its last session in February 2024, thus providing a last opportunity to further improve the wording of the amendments and, possibly, include them in a wider amendment package to be transmitted to the depositary. The Committee during its last session considered document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2023/10/Rev.1, however, due to lack of translation of the document in three ECE official languages the Committee decided to postpone decision for its session in October 2024.

The Committee may wish to consider, and possibly endorse, the amendment proposals to the Convention transmitted by TIRExB, as contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2023/10/Rev.1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2023/10/Rev.1

(c) Amendment proposals to the Convention transmitted by a Contracting Party

Under this agenda item, the Committee may wish to take note that, for the time being, no amendment proposals have been transmitted by any Contracting Party for consideration.

(d) Comments and examples of good practice transmitted by the TIR Executive Board

The Committee may wish to recall that at its previous session decided to adopt the revised comment and the examples of good practices as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2023/11/Rev.1 and requested the secretariat to include them in the revised version of the TIR Handbook.

The Committee may wish also to recall that at its previous session considered a request transmitted by the Working Party on customs questions affecting transport on the revisions of the TIR Handbook. The Committee decided that the online version of the TIR handbook should be revised annually and if the number of amendments coming into force require, every six months. The hardcopy could be produced every three years considering the administrative processes required in order to prepare those publications. It also suggested that the number of hardcopies produced should be kept at the minimum required, avoiding waste of paper. As it concerns the gender neutrality of the handbook, the secretariat should examine if there is a mechanism at the level of United Nations system established ensuring gender neutrality of United Nations legal instruments and inform accordingly the Committee. Against this background, the secretariat will provide any new developments regarding the preparation of the revised version of the TIR handbook.

(e) Accepted amendment proposals to the Convention pending formal adoption

The Committee may wish to take note that, for the time being, there are no outstanding accepted amendment proposals pending formal adoption by the Committee.

6. eTIR**(a) eTIR international system and its interconnection with national customs systems**

The Committee will be informed about the latest developments in the field of computerization of the TIR procedure (eTIR). In particular the latest developments of the eTIR international system and its interconnection with national customs systems following Annex 11.

(b) Activities of the Technical Implementation Body

The Committee will be informed about the outcome of the seventh and eighth sessions of TIB, which took place on 4 June 2024 and 8 October 2024, respectively. It may also want to consider and endorse the reports of the sixth and seventh session of TIB, as contained in documents ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/TIB/12 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/TIB/14, respectively.

Furthermore, the Committee is invited to consider questions and proposals by TIB contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/15. It may wish, in particular, to adopt the proposal to provide access to TIR Carnet holders to data related to their TIR transports.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/TIB/12; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/TIB/14 and
ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/15

(c) Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the International Road Transport Union

The Committee at its eighty-second session (February 2024) acknowledged the urgency for a sustainable financing mechanism to be found for eTIR since the ECE-IRU MoU comes to an end at the end of 2024 and welcomed the initiative of TIRExB, which has already started discussing possible financing mechanisms. The Committee, while considering the most appropriate and efficient way to address this urgent request, decided to invite TIRExB to dedicate adequate time in discussing this issue and preparing some concrete proposals including if needed the organization of “friends of the chair” meetings and to hold an extraordinary half-day session (eighty-third) in June 2024 in order to discuss a preliminary document prepared by TIRExB and the secretariat. The Committee also invited IRU to

consider extending the current MoU for at least one more year thus providing additional time for the Committee to consider and decide on sustainable financing mechanisms for eTIR.

During its eighty-third extraordinary session the Committee considered document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2024/9–ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/6, which included explanations/clarifications of the relevant provisions to the Convention, a list of possible options for financing mechanisms including the processes required for their implementation; and the proposed budget on eTIR for 2025 including descriptions and detailed calculations of each expense identified.

The Committee held fruitful discussions providing a series of concrete questions and remarks concerning the mechanisms suggested in the document requiring further clarifications. The Chair of the Committee summarized those discussions by providing a list of decisions which was endorsed by the Committee. The secretariat would prepare a revision of document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2024/9–ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/6 for consideration by the Committee at its next session, providing clarifications and answers on all topics discussed and questions set during the session. The revised document should include in detail the proposal submitted by the Turkish delegation, with their assistance, but no other new proposal on the financing mechanisms should be accepted to be included. Any extra comments / questions by any delegation concerning the financing mechanisms being described in the document should be addressed directly to the secretariat at the earliest of delegations' convenience but not later than 30 July which is the deadline for submission of official documents for the next session of the Committee. Any additional comments or questions on the proposed mechanisms should be put in a table annexed to the document. This table should also include the answers from the secretariat. Finally, all delegations should make every effort to ensure that national positions are well established before the next session of the Committee in October in order to enable that decisions could be taken during the session.

The Committee may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2024/9/ Rev.1–ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/6/Rev.1 that includes clarifications provided to the proposed mechanisms following the concrete questions and remarks of the Committee. The Committee may also wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/16 that includes the terms of reference of the proposed TIR multi donor trust fund. Finally, the Committee may wish to take note of Informal document WP.30/AC.2 (2024) No. 12 which includes the position of the Government of Switzerland on this topic.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2024/9/Rev.1–ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/6/Rev.1;
ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/16; Informal document WP.30/AC.2 (2024) No. 12

7. Authorization for printing and distributing TIR Carnets and the organizing and functioning of the guarantee system

(a) Prolongation of the authorization

The Committee may wish to recall that, at its seventy-seventh session, it had formally decided to prolong the authorization of IRU for printing and distributing TIR Carnets and the organizing and functioning of the guarantee system, for a period of 3 years (2023–2025) (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/157, para. 35).

(b) Audit report for the year 2023

The Committee may wish to recall that, pursuant to Annex IV of the agreement between ECE and IRU, IRU shall annually issue an audit report and management letter concerning the records and accounts kept by IRU pertaining to the organization and functioning of the international guarantee system and the printing and distribution of TIR Carnets.

The Committee is invited to consider, at its present session, document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/12 by IRU, containing the audit report and management letter for the year 2023.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/12

8. Authorization for concluding an agreement between the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the International Road Transport Union

The Committee may wish to recall that the present ECE-IRU Agreement (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2022/4) expires at the end of 2025 and should be renewed. As in the past, the Committee should approve, at its session in February 2025, a new draft agreement and provide the secretariat with the mandate to conclude the new agreement with a view to continuing to finance the operation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat as of the year 2026. The Committee is requested to mandate the secretariat to prepare, in consultation with IRU and the competent United Nations services, a new draft agreement covering, preferably, the same period of time as the authorization (2026–2028), as contained in Informal document WP.30/AC.2 (2024) No. 10.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2022/4; Informal document WP.30/AC.2 (2024) No. 10

9. Other business**(a) Memorandum of Understanding with International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations**

The Committee may wish to recall that the report of the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) of its “Audit of management of the transport International Routier Trust Fund” recommends, inter alia, that ECE should bring to the attention of AC.2 the need to study and analyse the causes of this decline and develop an action plan to address them. TIRExB with the assistance of the secretariat, as part of its programme of work for its 2019–2020 term of office prepared the study on the reasons for the decline in sale of Carnets over the years and action plan to address the underlying causes. The Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport at its 157th session (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/314, paras. 32–33) following a request from the committee considered and approved the decline study and its action plan. One of the actions approved was the following: Create a competitive package for TIR users: eTIR, facilitation of visa for drivers, eCMR including digitalization of other relevant United Nations conventions as well as ensuring cooperation with other initiatives by the transport sector to digitalize transport documents, such as freight forwarders, rail operators, etc.

Furthermore, TIRExB in 2022 prepared the study on Intermodal Aspects of the TIR Convention which was submitted to AC.2 for approval. The study and the recommendations included in this were approved by the Committee in its seventy-seventh session (February 2022, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/157, para. 9) and the Committee “mandated the secretariat to start implementing the recommendations by TIREXB as included in its report”. One of the recommendations of the study was the following:

(a) an analysis is prepared by the secretariat in order to examine the possibilities to “electronically connect” any other digital transport documents such as the electronic CIM, SMGS, the eCMR etc with the eTIR international system that would possibly further connect the TIR system with intermodal transport and would make its use more apparent and easy;

(b) the cooperation with non-governmental organizations that promote or function as intermodal transport representatives is established by the secretariat– even in the form of Memoranda of Understanding, wherever feasible – in order to promote the TIR system in intermodal transport in a more structured, sustainable and regular way.

Against this background and mandate the secretariat is planning to conclude a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) with the objective to cooperate for the interconnection of FIATA’s transport documents, in particular the FIATA Multimodal Transport Bill of Lading (FBL), with the eTIR International System platform. It should be noted that if any proposed technical solution

requires changes in the existing eTIR specifications then consideration and decision by TIB or by the Committee will be required before any implementation. The Committee may wish to take note of this MoU (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/17) and provide any guidance if needed.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2024/17

(b) Date of next session

The ECE secretariat has made tentative arrangements to hold the eighty-fifth session of the Committee on 6 February 2025. The Committee may wish to confirm this date.

(c) Restriction on the distribution of documents

The Committee may wish to decide whether there should be any restriction on the distribution of documents issued in connection with its current session.

(d) List of decisions

The secretariat will prepare a list of draft decisions that will be circulated among delegations prior to the session. The list of adopted decisions will be attached to the final report.

10. Adoption of the report

In accordance with Annex 8, Article 7 of the convention, the Committee will adopt the report of its Eighty-fourth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.
