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**Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and
Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure**

Thirty-first session

Geneva, 10-11 March 2020

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda for the thirty-first session¹

to be held in Geneva, Palais des Nations, starting 10 March 2020 at 10.00 hours, Salle S4.

¹ For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website <http://border.unece.org>. On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by email (andre.sceia@un.org). Delegates are requested register online at <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=wRVc95>.

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is its adoption.

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 1 (2020)

2. Election of officers

In line with the UNECE Rules of Procedure and established practice, the informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (hereafter referred to as: 'Expert Group') may wish to elect a Chair and, possibly, a Vice-Chair to steer its work in 2020.

3. New developments relevant to the computerization of the TIR Procedure

(a) National and regional developments

Experts may wish to present recent information and communication technology (ICT) developments relevant to the computerization of the TIR procedure or provide an update of previous presentations. Participants interested in sharing their experiences with the Expert Group are invited to contact the secretariat at their earliest convenience but not later than 16 February 2020.

(b) Projects related to the Memorandum of Understanding between UNECE and IRU

The Expert Group may wish to recall the signature on 6 October 2017 of a five years Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation between UNECE and the International Road Transport Union (IRU) in the field of computerization of the TIR procedure and of the supporting Contribution Agreement (CA) towards enhancement of the full computerization of the TIR procedure.

The Expert Group may wish to take note of the progress made with regard to projects planned and launched in the framework of the MoU and CA.

(c) Progress report on the development of the eTIR international system

The Expert Group may wish to be informed about the progress made regarding the development of the eTIR international system.

4. Annex 11 of the TIR Convention

The Expert Group may wish to take note of the progress made in the development of Annex 11 (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2020/7) and discuss possible implications on its work. Furthermore, the Expert Group may want to consider Informal document GE.1 No. 2 (2020), presenting further clarifications about the proposal of the Russian Federation to introduce the concept of trusted third parties (TTP) in the eTIR specifications. Finally, the Expert Group may wish to consider the draft replies to the questions presented by the European

Commission at the 30th session, including comments by the eTIR focal points, as presented in Informal document GE.1 No. 3 (2020).

Documentation xxx, Informal document GE.1 No. 2 (2020). Informal document GE.1 No. 3 (2020)

5. eTIR conceptual, functional and technical documentation

(a) Contributions of the network of eTIR focal points

The Expert Group may wish to be informed about the status and the latest activities of the network of eTIR focal points, as summarized in Informal document GE.1 No. 4 (2020).

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 4 (2020)

(b) eTIR conceptual, functional and technical documentation

The Expert Group may wish to recall that the eTIR Reference Model has been split in separate documents, i.e. Informal documents GE.1 No. 5 (2017), No. 6 (2017), No. 7 (2017) and No. 8 (2017), containing version 4.2a of, respectively, the “introduction”, the “eTIR concepts”, the “functional specifications” and “technical specifications”.

The Expert Group may also wish to take note that the amendments that it had approved at its twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth and twenty-ninths sessions are recorded in Informal document GE.1 No. 5 (2020) and will be included in a next revision of the eTIR specifications, if necessary, after approval by the competent bodies.

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 5 (2017), Informal document GE.1 No. 6 (2017), Informal document GE.1 No. 7 (2017), Informal document GE.1 No. 8 (2017) and Informal document GE.1 No. 5 (2020)

(c) Amendments

Considering the discussions under previous agenda items, the Expert Group may wish to consider amendments to the eTIR specifications, including those proposed in Informal document GE.1 No. 6 (2020).

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 6 (2020)

6. Other business

(a) United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business

The Expert Group may wish to be informed about the latest developments regarding the work of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT), in particular on the Multi-Modal Transport Reference Data Model.

(b) World Customs Organization activities

The Expert Group may wish to be informed about the latest developments regarding the WCO transit data model, the eATA project, the Globally Networked Customs (GNC) project and other activities of interest.

(c) Other activities of interest

The Expert Group may wish to be informed about other activities of interest for the computerization of the TIR procedure, including the progress made with regard to the customs office database in the ITDB.

(d) Date and place of next session

The Expert Group may wish to decide on a possible date and venue for its next session.

7. Adoption of the report

After the session, the secretariat will issue a report, which will be submitted for endorsement to WP.30.
