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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-FOURTH SESSION^{1, 2}

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.00 hours on Thursday, 27 September 2007

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Status of the TIR Convention, 1975

¹ Annotations to this agenda will be circulated under the symbol ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/90/Add.1.

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, missing documents may be obtained directly from the UNECE Transport Division (Fax: +41-22-917-0039; e-mail: wp.30@unece.org). Documents may also be downloaded from the UNECE Border Crossing Facilitation website (<http://border.unece.org/>). During the meeting, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, 3rd floor, Palais des Nations).

² The full text of the TIR Convention, 1975, as well as complete lists of Contracting Parties to the Convention, are available on the UNECE website: <http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/legalinst.html> - customs.

Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available from the Internet website of the UNECE Transport Division (<http://www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html>) and to transmit it to the UNECE secretariat, at the latest one week prior to the session, either by fax (+41-22-917-0039) or by e-mail (wp.30@unece.org). Prior to the session, delegates who do not hold a long-term access 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 by telephone the UNECE secretariat (internal extension 74030). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>.

3. Activities and administration of the TIR Executive Board (TIRExB)
 - (a) Activities of the TIRExB
 - (i) Report by the Chairperson of the TIRExB
 - (ii) TIRExB's programme of work 2007-2008
 - (iii) International TIR Data Bank (ITDB)
 - (iv) On-line register of Customs sealing devices and stamps
 - (v) National and regional TIR workshops and seminars
 - (b) Financial administration of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat
 - (i) Status report on the accounts for the year 2006 and 2007
 - (ii) Budget proposal and cost plan for the year 2008
 - (iii) Audit by the UN Board of Auditors and OIOS
5. Proposals for amendments to the Convention with regard to the operation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat
6. Authorization for printing and distribution of TIR Carnets and the organization and functioning of the guarantee system
7. Authorization for the conclusion of an agreement between the UNECE and IRU
8. Revision of the Convention
 - (a) Phase III of the TIR revision process – computerization of the TIR procedure
 - (b) Other proposals for amendments to the Convention
9. Application of the Convention
 - (a) Comments adopted by WP.30
 - (b) Comments adopted by the TIR Executive Board (TIRExB)
10. Best practices – examples to be published in the TIR Handbook
 - (a) Application of Article 38
 - (b) Application of Articles 39 and 40
 - (c) Application of Annex 9, part II
11. Other business
 - (a) Date of next session
 - (b) Restriction on the distribution of documents
12. Adoption of the report

II. NOTE ON FORTHCOMING MEETING

The UNECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) will hold its one-hundred-and-seventeenth session in conjunction with the present session of the Administrative Committee **from 24 to 28 September 2007**. The agenda for the meeting is contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/233 and may be obtained directly from the UNECE secretariat, from the Official Documents System of the United Nations (ODS) <www.ods.un.org> or the website of the UNECE Border Crossing Facilitation Section <<http://border.unece.org/>>. Representatives of Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention, 1975, are invited to participate also in the sessions of the Working Party.

It is recalled 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 purposes of taking decisions." As of **20 April 2007** the number of Contracting Parties to the Convention is sixty-eight.
