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Technical aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure

Eleventh session
Geneva, 29 January 2007

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE ELEVENTH SESSION

To be held at the Palais the Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.00 hours on Monday, 29 January 2007* **

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/1

* 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 (imed.ben.hamida@unece.org) or by fax (41 22 917 0039). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

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2. Activities of the informal ad hoc Expert Group
 - (a) Reference Model of the TIR procedure ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2006/7
Version 1.6.a

Chapter 2 – E-Business Requirements ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/2
 - (b) Future projects for the Reference Model
of the TIR Procedure ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/3
 - (c) WCO transit data model ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/4
3. Other business
4. Date and place of next session
5. Report

Annex 1: Open issues

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

1. 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 adopt its agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/1).

Item 2: Election of a Chairperson

2. In accordance with AC.2 and WP.30 mandates, the Expert Group may wish to elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson to steer its work in 2007.

Item 3: Activities of the Expert Group

(a) Reference Model of the TIR Procedure

3. Considering that the secretariat has not received any comments, the Expert Group, at its tenth session, endorsed version 1.6 of the Reference Model. The Expert Group may wish to confirm this decision.

Chapter 2 – e-Business Requirements

Issue: 66, 68

4. At its tenth session, the Expert Group requested the secretariat to amend, consolidate and align documents ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/8 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2006/9 in order to create Chapter 2 of the Reference Model, containing the e-Business Requirements. This consolidated document has the reference ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/2.

5. Although the Customs Experts participating in the session, mandated the secretariat to submit the consolidated document, subject to a number of specific amendments, for consideration to WP.30, the Expert Group, in view of the fact that the private partners did not actively participate during the session, may wish to review document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/2, with the aim to ensure with IRU and its national associations that the requirements from the private sector have adequately been met before submitting the document to WP.30. Within the context of its discussions, the Expert Group may wish to take account of document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/2 containing answers to a number of questions, raised by the IRU with regard to document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/8 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2006/9.

6. In order to streamline its future discussions concerning the e-Business Requirements, the Expert Group may find it useful to distinguish between, on the one hand, Customs-to-Customs (C2C) issues which could be discussed between Customs authorities mainly and, on the other hand, Customs-to-Business (C2B) issues which require input from and cooperative arrangements with the private partners. Issues 66 and 68, dealing with the electronic declaration aspects of the

project, could serve as examples of issues to be discussed under the C2B heading.

(b) Future projects for the Reference Model of the TIR Procedure

7. The Expert Group may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/3 containing a proposed table of contents for Chapter 3, the so-called Analysis Chapter, of the Reference Model. The Expert Group may wish to discuss the issue of resources required to devise the work required under this Chapter as well as under Chapter 4, dedicated to the design of the eTIR system.

8. Under this agenda-item, the Expert Group may also wish to have a first exchange of views regarding the feasibility of a pilot project allowing for the exchange of information among Customs authorities.

(c) WCO transit data model

9. As the Expert Group may recall, the secretariat actively participates in the elaboration of version 3 of the WCO transit data model. The Expert Group may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/4 containing modifications to the current version of the WCO transit data model, proposed by the secretariat, in order to encompass the TIR requirements into the future version of the transit data model.

Item 4: Other business

10. The Expert Group may wish to be informed of other activities of interest for the computerization of the TIR procedure, such as the European Community TIR/NCTS pilot project.

Item 5: Date and place of next session

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

Item 6: Report

12. In the course of the session, the secretariat will keep track of all issues raised and decisions taken (validated) by the Expert Group. These will be reflected in a list of issues and decisions to be annexed to the draft report that will be issued and circulated shortly after the meeting. The report will also be submitted for endorsement to the Working Party.

Annex 1 – Open issues

| No | Subject | Description | Date | Source | Related decision(s) | Solved |
|----|--------------------|--|-------------|------------------|---------------------|--------|
| 66 | Intro to Chapter 2 | Is it necessary to have digital signatures as data elements? | 7-8 Mar. 06 | ExG (Bratislava) | 115 | 0 |
| 68 | Intro to Chapter 2 | An efficient and cost-effective procedure for the submission of the declaration is necessary | 7-8 Mar. 06 | ExG (Bratislava) | 112, 113 | 0 |

Annex 2 – Decisions related to the open issues

| Decision No. | Issue No. | Description | Date | Source | Version¹ |
|---------------------|------------------|--|--------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 112 | 68 | ExG decided that the electronic declarations should only be sent to Customs offices of departure | 7-8 March 06 | ExG (Bratislava) | |
| 113 | 68 | ExG decided to seek guidance from WP.30 on how an operator could submit a declaration in a country other than his own without having to deal with intermediaries | 7-8 March 06 | ExG (Bratislava) | |
| 115 | 66 | ExG decided to remove the digital signature from the messages between Customs authorities but decided to postpone the discussion on their necessity in the declaration | 7-8 March 06 | ExG (Bratislava) | |

¹ This column indicates in which version the results of the decision will be included into the Reference model for the first time.