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New layout of the UNECE web site

**Revised web site of the Border Crossing Facilitation section of
the UNECE Transport Division**

Note by the secretariat

1. The Working Party, at its ninety-eighth session (19-22 June 2001) took note that the web site of the Border Crossing Facilitation section as well as all other parts of the UNECE web site had been revised. The new layout of the web site ensures increased user-friendliness and easier access to documentation and information on the web site.

The address of the web site of the Border Crossing Facilitation section is:

http://www.unece.org/trans/new_tir/home.html

Delegates are invited to visit the site.

2. The Working Party welcomed the new user-friendly layout and suggested the inclusion of additional information on Informal documents and Depositary Notifications.
 3. Selected pages from the revised web site are reproduced in annex one including the pages illustrating the changes made at the suggestion of the Working Party at its ninety-eighth session. Delegates will have the possibility to access the revised web site during the present session from a PC, which will be available of the meeting room.
 4. The Working Party is informed that documentation relating to the work of the Working Party usually is available on the web site well in advance of the availability of the hard copies. Consequently, delegates with internet access are advised to use the web site to obtain documentation concerning the work of the Working Party as fast as possible.
 5. The Working Party is also informed that the part of the TIR web site restricted to Customs TIR focal points (http://www.unece.org/trans/new_tir/focal/tirfocpt.htm) is accessible only with a password available from the TIR Secretariat.
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new **TIR Regional seminar in Baku**

Geneva 9 October 2001

Under the co-chairmanship of Mr. Aydin Aliyev, First Deputy Chairman of the State Customs Committee and Mr. Michal Olszewski, Chairman of the TIRExB, the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in co-operation with the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat, has organised a two day regional seminar on TIR, which was held in Baku on 2 and 3 October 2001. More than seventy participants, representatives from Customs authorities, national associations and transport companies from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan as well as representatives from international organizations such as ESCAP, UNDP, ECO and the IRU were extensively informed of the background, scope and application of the TIR Convention.

Under the moderation of Mr. Rainer Ehmcke, member of the TIRExB, part of the seminar was dedicated to the practical application of the TIR procedure and the general transport situation in various Contracting Parties, such as Azerbaijan, Belarus, the Russian Federation, Turkey and the European Community. The lively discussions following the presentations clearly showed the keen interest of the region in the increased use of the TIR Carnet as the best means to meet the growing trade relations with Western Europe and the other countries of Asia and North Africa. In 2000, the region of the Caucasus, Black Sea and Central Asia accounted for 1,571,000 issued TIR Carnets, more than half of the total amount issued in 2000. At present 1,485 holders from the region are registered with the International TIR Data Bank, maintained by the TIR secretariat in Geneva.

The TIRExB and the TIR secretariat would like to express their appreciation to the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the excellent organization and the succesful outcome of the seminar as well as for the warm hospitality extended to all participants.

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Contents: **The first section** describes the TIR transit system, its coverage, objective and functioning and analyses possible future developments.
The second section contains the complete text of the TIR Convention, 1975, as of 17 February 1999.
The third section provides information on related resolutions and recommendations.

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