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Administrative arrangements**Work Plan and prioritization of activities for the Group of
Experts on Legal Aspects of the Computerization of the TIR
Procedure (GE.2)****Note by the secretariat****I. Introduction**

1. In line with its Terms of Reference (ToR), the Group of Experts, at its first meeting, should adopt a work plan, clearly defining its objectives and activities, including a time schedule for implementation. Pursuant to this requirement, the secretariat has prepared the present document, outlining a draft work plan with prioritization of activities, based on the ToR, for consideration and adoption by the Group of Experts.

II. Objective**Preparation of a draft eTIR Protocol to the TIR Convention**

2. The draft Protocol will cover the entire scope of the envisaged eTIR procedure and international system, including for example, formulations on the scope of application, definitions, administration of the system, amendments as well as all standard formulations required for international legal instruments such as entry into force, settlement of disputes, etc.

A. Work Plan for 2015–2016

3. The Group of Experts will pursue its objective by carrying out the following preparatory work:

(a) Examination of legal issues related to the administration of the eTIR international system

Priority: 1

(b) Identification and analysis of provisions that may be affected by the introduction of eTIR

Priority: 1

(c) Clarification of the role of the TIR intergovernmental bodies in the context of the eTIR Protocol

Priority: 1

(d) Identification of the way to incorporate the technical specifications as contained in the eTIR Reference Model into the legal framework; design of an expedient amendment procedure.

Priority: 1

(e) Request and collect relevant information from relevant national authorities and stakeholders, as well as conduct surveys on issues that may be of relevance for the fulfilment of its objective.

Priority: 2

B. Work Plan for 2017

4. The Group of Experts will pursue its objective by preparing draft provisions of the Protocol on the basis of the preparatory work.

Priority: 1

C. Timeline

<i>Sessions</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Comments</i>
First session:	16–17 November 2015	Establishment of work plan and priorities/assessment of materials already available and of preparatory work of WP.30/preliminary discussions on various elements of the envisaged eTIR legal framework
Second session:	4–5 April 2016 (tentative)	Preparatory activities (see above paras. 3(a), (b), (c), (d))
Third Session:	31 October–1 November 2016 (tentative)	Preparatory activities (see above paras. 3(a), (b), (c), (d))
Fourth session:	April or May 2017 (tbc)	Assessment of first draft Protocol, prepared on the basis of the preparatory activities (see above, para 4)
Fifth session:	September 2017 (tbc)	Finalization of complete draft to be presented to WP.30 in February 2017

III. Considerations by the Group of Experts

5. The Group of Experts is invited to adopt its work plan and prioritization of activities with or without amendments.
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