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Prague, 19-20 April 2012

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twentieth session^{1, 2}

to be held at the General Directorate of Customs, Budejovicka 7, 14096 Prague (Czech Republic) starting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, 19 April 2012

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. New information and communication technology developments in the TIR system.
4. Reference Model of the TIR procedure:
 - (a) Contributions of the network of eTIR focal points;
 - (b) International declaration mechanisms;

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@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039).

² Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download on the UNECE Transport Division's website <<http://live.unece.org/trans/registfr.html>>. It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by email (andre.sceia@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039).

- (c) eTIR Reference Model.
- 5. Financial implications of the introduction of the eTIR international system.
- 6. eTIR in a single window environment.
- 7. Dematerialization of documents attached to the TIR Carnet.
- 8. Other business:
 - (a) World Customs Organization activities;
 - (b) Other activities of interest;
 - (c) Date and place of next session.
- 9. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

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

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 1 (2012)

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 2012.

3. New information and communication technology developments in the TIR system

Further to good experiences at previous sessions, experts may wish to present recent information and communication technology (ICT) developments in the TIR system at the national level 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 30 March 2012.

4. Reference Model of the TIR Procedure

(a) Contributions of the network of eTIR focal points

The Expert Group may wish to be informed that, at the request of the TIR Executive Board, the secretariat sent a letter to the Directors General of Customs administrations of all Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention, in which they were, inter alia, requested to nominate eTIR focal points. In the light of the above, the Expert Group may wish to review the latest activities of the network of eTIR focal points, as summarized in Informal document GE.1 No. 2 (2012).

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 2 (2012)

(b) International declaration mechanisms

The Expert Group may also wish to review the results of the survey conducted among TIR and eTIR focal points on the current and expected practice, rules and regulations on electronic signatures (Informal document GE.1 No. 3 (2012)). On that basis and with reference to document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2011/9, the Expert Group may wish to reconsider the necessity to reintroduce international declaration mechanisms in the scope of the eTIR project and, if yes, decide on the most suitable approach to achieve this objective.

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 3 (2012), ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2011/9

(c) eTIR Reference Model

In the light of its considerations of agenda item 4 (b), the Expert Group may wish to reconsider the four chapters of the eTIR Reference Model as contained in documents ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2011/4, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2011/4 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2011/10.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2011/4, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2011/4,
ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2011/10

5. Financial implications of the introduction of the eTIR international system

The Expert Group may wish to take note of Informal document GE.1 No. 4 (2012) and Informal document GE.1 No. 5 (2012), containing, respectively, contributions of the World Customs Organization (WCO) and the European Commission (EC) to the cost assessment for the establishment of the centralized eTIR international system.

Furthermore, the Expert Group may wish to analyze in depth the cost-benefit analysis carried out by an independent contractor, as contained in Informal document GE.1 No. 6 (2012), and, possibly, make recommendations to WP.30 on how to pursue this issue.

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 4 (2012), Informal document GE.1 No. 5 (2012), Informal document GE.1 No. 6 (2012)

6. eTIR in a single window environment

With reference to the European Union (EU) experience in the field of single window, the Expert Group may wish to continue its consideration on the role of eTIR in single window environments.

7. Dematerialization of documents attached to the TIR Carnet

Considering the revised TIR specific results of the WCO survey contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2011/13 Rev.1 as well as the complete results of the survey and

WCO analysis, reproduced in Informal document GE.1 No. 7 (2012), the Expert group may wish to further discuss if, how and which documents attached to the TIR Carnet need to be dematerialized in order to ensure maximum efficiency in computerizing the TIR procedure.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2011/13.Rev.1, Informal document GE.1 No. 7 (2012)

8. Other business

(a) World Customs Organization activities

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

(b) Other activities of interest

The Expert Group may wish to be informed about other activities of interest for the computerization of the TIR procedure.

(c) Date and place of next session

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

9. Adoption of the report

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