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Harmonization Convention

- Tajikistan becomes the 56th Contracting Party in March 2012
- New Annex 9 on rail border crossing entered into force on 30 November 2011

Challenges

- Ensure the speedy introduction of Annex 9 at national level
- Monitoring of Annex 8 on road border crossing



Handbook on Best Practices at Border Crossings: A Transport and Trade Facilitation Perspective

- For policy making, technical assistance and capacity building
- Chapter on border crossing indicators for monitoring and benchmarking purposes





TIR Convention: priorities indetified by the 2005 UNECE reform

- to strengthen the TIR Convention
- to improve transparency in its management



Results of the critical review of the TIR system (TIR study)

- Consultants, survey, interviews and peer review
- Generally positive perception of TIR and its functioning
- Some original principles to be updated
- More transparency and accountability needed
- Computerization and intermodal application to stay competitive
- UNECE publication in 2012



Amendments to the TIR Convention

- As of 2012, national TIR issuing associations to annually report on the prices of TIR Carnets
- Conditions and requirements for the authorization of an international organization to manage the TIR guarantee system (currently IRU) agreed
- Discussion on audit as means to improve transparency under way



Progress on eTIR and related activities

- eTIR cost-benefit analysis being conducted
- Results to be presented in April 2012 at the 20th session of the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group (WP.30/GE.1)
- Network of eTIR focal points and eTIR website established
- Other initiatives: SEED in the Balkan region, eTIR pilot between Turkey and EU
- UNDA project to facilitate legitimate border crossing by means of increased exchange of secure standard electronic messages between Customs



ITC is invited:

- To endorse the above activities of the WP.30, Contracting Parties and the secretariat
- To support the continuation of the eTIR project and prolongation of the mandate of WP.30/GE.1
- To encourage all Contracting Parties to actively participate in eTIR activities



Thank you for your attention

