Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention, 1975

TIR Executive Board (TIRExB)

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Programme of work 2011–2012

Note by the secretariat

A. Background

1. At its forty-fifth session, the TIR Executive Board (TIRExB) recommended that, in view of its relevance for the future of the TIR system, the TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2) provides a clear mandate to TIRExB which will allow it to reinforce its role in the process of computerization of the TIR procedure and to dedicate more time and resources towards the establishment of the eTIR international system (TIRExB/REP/45/draft, paragraph 27 (f)).

2. In order to pave the way towards receiving such clear mandate, the secretariat proposes that TIRExB considers amending its current activities in the field of computerization of the TIR procedure.

B. TIRExB activities in the field of computerization of the TIR procedure

3. The TIRExB programme of work contains the following activity with regard to the computerization of the TIR procedure:

“To contribute to the computerization of the TIR procedure. Priority: 1

Output expected in 2009 and 2010:

– Encourage IT experts to participate, as national representatives, in the activities undertaken by the Ad hoc Expert Group on Technical and Conceptual Aspects of the computerization of the TIR procedure.

– With the consent of the TIR Administrative Committee, offer good offices to the ad-hoc expert groups on general Customs policy issues.

– Promote the ITDB as one of future eTIR components.

– Monitor and further enhance on-line use of the ITDB, taking into account the need to ensure an adequate level of protection against unauthorized access.

– Monitor the progress of the computerization of the TIR procedure.”

4. The secretariat proposes to amend the activity as follows:
“To contribute to facilitate the computerization of the TIR procedure. Priority: 1

Output expected in 2011 and 2012:

- Facilitate the computerization of the TIR procedure by means of contributing to the activities undertaken by the Ad hoc Expert Group on Technical and Conceptual Aspects of the computerization of the TIR procedure (GE.1), including, but not limited to, the:
  - Finalization of the eTIR Reference Model;
  - Cost/benefit analysis of the eTIR project;
- Facilitate the computerization of the TIR procedure by actively contributing to drafting the required amendments to the TIR Convention,
- Promote the eTIR Project as part of the Board’s training and capacity building activities, including the promotion of the use of EDI standards;
- Encourage IT experts to participate, as national representatives, in the activities undertaken by the Ad hoc Expert Group on Technical and Conceptual Aspects of the computerization of the TIR procedure.
- With the consent of the TIR Administrative Committee, offer good offices to the ad-hoc expert groups on general Customs policy issues.
- Develop and promote the ITDB as one of the components of the eTIR system.
- Monitor the progress of the computerization of the TIR procedure.

C. Considerations by the Board

5. On the basis of the above proposal by the secretariat, the Board is invited to consider amending its current activities in the field of computerization of the TIR procedure