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#### Revision of the Convention:

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### Note by the secretariat

## I. Mandate and background

1. The Committee at its previous session, in light of the many amendments under discussion, had instructed the secretariat to prepare a document consolidating provisionally accepted proposals, which would be expanded as the discussions progress, until the Committee would be ready to formally adopt them as a package (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/127, para.34). Against this background, the secretariat has prepared the present document, containing, in Annex, the provisionally accepted proposals to amend:

(a) Article 1, paragraph (q), on the definition of a “guaranteeing association” (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/127, para.32 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2015/24);

(b) Article 2 to specify that the word “frontier” refers to a customs frontier (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/127, para.34 (a) and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2014/14 para.2);

(c) Article 11, paragraph 3, on reducing the earliest moment at which a claim to an association can be made (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/127, para. 34(c) and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2014/14, para.5).

## II. Considerations by the Committee

2. The Committee is invited to take note of document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2016/4 and instruct the secretariat to periodically issue revised

versions of this document every time there are new provisionally accepted amendment proposals to be added.

## Annex

### Legal amendments to the text of the Convention

For ease of reference, deletions are marked with ~~strike through~~ and new text is marked in ***bold italics***.

#### Article 1, paragraph (q)

*Modify paragraph (q) to read:*

(q) The term “guaranteeing association” shall mean an association authorized by the customs authorities ***or other competent authorities*** of a Contracting Party, to act as guarantor for persons using the TIR procedure.

#### Article 2

*Modify Article 2 to read*

This Convention shall apply to the transport of goods without intermediate reloading, in road vehicles, combinations of vehicles or in containers, across one or more ***customs*** frontiers between a Customs office of departure of one Contracting Party and a Customs office of destination of another or of the same Contracting Party, provided that some portion of the journey between the beginning and the end of the TIR transport is made by road.

#### Article 11, paragraph 3

*Modify paragraph 3 to read*

The claim for payment of the sums referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be made against the guaranteeing association at the earliest ~~three months~~ ***one month*** after the date on which the association was notified that the operation had not been discharged or that the certificate of termination of the TIR operation had been falsified or obtained in an improper or fraudulent manner and not more than two years after that date. However, in cases of TIR operations which, during the above-mentioned period of two years, become the subject of administrative or legal proceedings concerning the payment obligation of the person or persons referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, any claim for payment shall be made within one year of the date on which the decision of the court becomes enforceable.