Amendment proposals to the Convention transmitted by the Working Party

I. Background and Mandate

1. The Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport at its 143rd and 144th session considered ways to address the linguistic inconsistencies in the use of the phrases “conditions and requirements” and “minimum conditions and requirements” that appear mainly in Article 6 and Annex 9 of the Convention. Further to substantive discussions on how maintaining or deleting the word “minimum” would affect the discretion of Contracting Parties to introduce additional conditions and requirements, the Working Party agreed that by inserting, in Annex 9, Part I, subtitle and paragraph 1, the word ‘minimum’ before ‘conditions and requirements’ consistency could be achieved without major amendments to the text of the TIR Convention. In conclusion, the Working Party requested the secretariat to transfer the proposal on Annex 9, part I to the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention, 1975 for final consideration (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/288, para. 13). The text of the agreed proposal is reproduced below.

II. Text of the proposal

2. The proposal transmitted by the Working Party reads as follows:

Amend Annex 9, Part I, subtitle to read:

Minimum conditions and requirements

Amend Annex 9, Part 1, paragraph 1, first line to read:

1. The minimum conditions and requirements to be complied with by associations in […]

III. Considerations by the Committee

3. The Committee is invited to decide on this proposal.