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Geneva, 12 June 2007

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWELFTH SESSION^{1, 2}

To be held at the Palais the Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.00 hours on Tuesday, 12 June 2007

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/7

¹ The UNECE Transport Division has submitted the present document after the official documentation deadline.

² 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 (imed.ben.hamida@unece.org) or by fax (41 22 917 0039). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

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2. Activities of the informal Ad hoc Expert Group
 - (a) Reference Model of the TIR procedure ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2005/32/Rev.1 (Version 1.6a)
Chapter 2 – E-Business Requirements ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/2/Rev.1
Informal document No. 1 (2007) (English)
Informal document No. 2 (2007) (French)
Informal document No. 3 (2007)
(Russian)
ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/6
 - (b) WCO transit data model ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/8
3. Other business
4. Date and place of next session
5. Report

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/7

1. 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 adopt its agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/7).

Item 2 Activities of the Expert Group

(a) Reference Model of the TIR Procedure

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2005/32/Rev.1

2. The Expert Group may wish to take note of document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2005/32/Rev.1 containing the corrected version 1.6. of the Reference Model of the TIR Procedure, as endorsed at the Expert Group's tenth session, which has been submitted to the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) for consideration at its one-hundred-and-sixteenth session (13-15 June 2007).

Chapter 2 – e-Business Requirements

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/6; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/2/Rev.1; Informal document No. 1 (2007) (English); Informal document No. 2 (2007) (French); Informal document No. 3 (2007) (Russian)

3. At its eleventh session, the Expert Group extensively discussed document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/2 containing draft proposals for Chapter 2 of the Reference Model. The Expert Group identified three areas where the document needed to be improved:

- Alignment of the terminology used in draft Chapter 2 with the text of the TIR Convention, with the aim to clarify that the proposals are in line with the basic philosophy and structure of the TIR procedure;
- Further linkage between Chapters 1 and 2 of the Reference Model, in order to ensure that the future eTIR system encompasses the computerization of all current procedures;
- Refinement of technical issues raised by the IRU and others.

4. In order to facilitate this task, the Expert Group proposed to convene a small drafting group composed of 2 to 3 Customs IT experts, 2 to 3 representatives for the private sector, who should be assisted by the UNECE secretariat. The drafting group should meet once with the mandate, where appropriate, to review, reformulate and amend document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/2, in line with the above instructions by the Expert Group.

5. The Expert Group may wish to be informed about the outcome of the activities of this small drafting group which met in Belgrade on 6 and 7 March 2007, at the kind invitation of the Serbian Customs administration and endorse the report of the session, contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/6.

6. Following the spirit and instructions provided by the session with regard to Chapter 2.1 of the Reference Model, the secretariat prepared document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/2/Rev.1, containing a revision of the complete Chapter 2 of the Reference Model. In order to facilitate the comparison, the secretariat has equally prepared Informal documents No 1 (English), No. 2 (French) and No. 3 (Russian), highlighting the differences with regard to the previous version of the document in track changes. The Expert Group may wish to discuss document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/2/Rev.1 together with any document to be submitted by the IRU as requested by the Belgrade drafting session.

(b) WCO transit data model

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/8

7. As the Expert Group may recall, the secretariat actively participates in the elaboration of version 3 of the WCO transit data model. The Expert Group may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/8, containing proposals for modifications to the current version of the WCO transit data model, as listed by the WCO Data Model Project Team (DMPT) at its last session (19-23 March, 2007), with the aim to encompass the TIR requirements into the future version of the transit data model.

8. When considering document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/8, the Expert Group may wish to take into account that the scope of version 3 of the transit WCO data model is restricted to the declaration aspects of the business-to-government (B2G) communications. In addition, the

ExG is requested to bear in mind that the WCO data model is only aimed at modelling electronic messages. Therefore, modifications related to paper-based procedures, such as, for the time being, TIR, should focus on concepts rather than on the representation of information. As a consequence, coded information should be preferred to textual information, whenever possible.

Item 3 Other business

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

Item 4 Date and place of next session

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

Item 5 Report

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