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**Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and
Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure**

Twenty-seventh session

Geneva, 4-5 December 2017

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session¹

to be held in Geneva, Palais des Nations, starting 4 December 2017 at 10.00 hours, Salle IX.

¹ 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 (andre.sceia@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039). Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download on the UNECE Transport Division's website <<http://live.unece.org/trans/registfr.html>>. It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by email (andre.sceia@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039).

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is its adoption.

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 10 (2017)

2. New information and communication technology developments relevant to the computerization of the TIR Procedure

Experts may wish to present recent information and communication technology (ICT) developments relevant to the computerization of the TIR procedure or provide an update of previous presentations. Participants interested in sharing their experiences with the Expert Group are invited to contact the secretariat at their earliest convenience but not later than 24 November 2017.

3. eTIR pilot projects

(a) Follow up to the UNECE-IRU eTIR pilot project between Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Turkey

The Expert Group may wish to recall that the UNECE-IRU eTIR pilot project between Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Turkey was successfully concluded in February 2017 and take note of the signature, on 26 September 2017, of a five years Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation between UNECE and the International Road Transport Union (IRU) in the field of computerization of the TIR procedure. The MoU is supported by a Contribution Agreement (CA) towards enhancement of the full computerization of the TIR procedure signed on the same date and for the same duration. The CA is aimed at funding the UNECE activities related to eTIR, such as the continuous improvement and the maintenance of the eTIR international system. Furthermore, at the 147th session of the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), IRU confirmed its readiness to amend the CA if more funds would be required to ensure the rapid development and deployment of new functions of the eTIR international system requested by Contracting Parties participating in eTIR projects.

The Expert Group may wish to discuss the implications of the MoU and the CA for the overall computerization of the TIR procedure.

(b) eTIR pilot project between Georgia and Turkey

The Expert Group may wish to take note of the status of the eTIR pilot project between Georgia and Turkey and discuss its implications for the computerization of the TIR procedure.

4. Findings of the Group of Experts on the Legal Aspects of the Computerization of the TIR Procedure

The Expert Group may wish to take note of the activities and findings of the Group of Experts on the Legal Aspects of the Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.2), as presented in informal document GE.1 No. 11 (2017), and discuss their possible implications on its work.

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 11 (2017)

5. eTIR conceptual, functional and technical documentation

(a) Contributions of the network of eTIR focal points

The Expert Group may wish to be informed about the status and the latest activities of the network of eTIR focal points, as summarized in Informal document GE.1 No. 12 (2017).

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 12 (2017)

(b) Version 4.2 of the eTIR conceptual, functional and technical documentation

At its twenty-fifth session, the Expert Group requested the secretariat to prepare separate documents for each chapter of the eTIR Reference Model. To this end, also considering the advances in the work of GE.2 and the apparent need to separate conceptual, functional and technical documentation for the sake of establishing the adequate amendment procedures in the legal framework, the secretariat prepared Informal documents GE.1 No. 5 (2017), No. 6 (2017), No. 7 (2017) and No. 8 (2017) containing respectively the “introduction”, the “eTIR concepts”, the “functional specifications” and “technical specifications”.

The Expert Group may wish to consider the new documentation, which also encompasses some changes requested by the Expert Group at its twenty-sixth session, and advise the secretariat on any further improvements that would be necessary.

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 5 (2017), Informal document GE.1 No. 6 (2017), Informal document GE.1 No. 7 (2017) and Informal document GE.1 No. 8 (2017)

(c) Amendments

In the light of the discussion under previous agenda items, the Expert Group may wish to consider the amendments to the eTIR conceptual, functional and technical documentation described in Informal document GE.1 No. 13 (2017).

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 13 (2017)

6. Other business

(a) World Customs Organization activities

The Expert Group may wish to be informed about the latest developments regarding the WCO transit data model, the eATA project, the Globally Networked Customs (GNC) project and other activities of interest.

(b) Other activities of interest

The Expert Group may wish to be informed about other activities of interest for the computerization of the TIR procedure, including on the development of the customs office database in the ITDB.

(c) Date and place of next session

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

7. Adoption of the report

After the session, the secretariat will issue a report, which will be submitted for endorsement to WP.30.
