Summary of the activities of the network of eTIR focal points

Note by the secretariat

I. Background

1. At its 124th session (February 2010), the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) supported the call of the secretariat to organize activities of the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1 or Expert Group) at long distance, by means of a network of focal points for eTIR (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/248, para. 22). At its 125th session, WP.30 stressed the importance for every Contracting Party to nominate a focal point for the eTIR project and to inform the secretariat accordingly (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/250, para. 19). This document presents the status of the network of eTIR focal points and summarizes its activities since the twenty-sixth session of GE.1.

II. Members of the network of eTIR focal points

2. The following thirty-five Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention have nominated at least one eTIR focal point: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, the United Kingdom and Uzbekistan.
The e-mail addresses of the focal points are available on the eTIR website (www.unece.org/trans/bcf/etir/focals.html).

III. Information received from the network of eTIR focal points

3. Since the twenty-sixth session of the Expert Group, eTIR focal points have not communicated to the secretariat any issue or input to be brought to the attention of GE.1.

IV. Queries and information sent to the network of eTIR focal points

4. Since the twenty-sixth session of the Expert Group, the secretariat requested eTIR focal points for their comments on version 4.2a of the eTIR conceptual, functional and technical documentation (see Annex).

V. Further considerations

5. GE.1 may wish to take stock of this document and consider how eTIR focal points could be more involved in the work of GE.1.
Annex  Email sent to eTIR focal points

NeTIRFP Q.13 - eTIR conceptual, functional and technical documentation version 4.2a

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Dear eTIR focal points,

At its 26th session, GE.1 requested the secretariat to ask eTIR focal points to provide their comments on version 4.2a of the eTIR conceptual, functional and technical documentation as soon as all documents would be finalized. The Expert Group also requested the secretariat to copy TIR focal points in this communication.

Version 4.2a of the eTIR conceptual, functional and technical documentation is now available on the meeting page of the 27th session of GE.1 (http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=47205).

Please provide your comments, if any, to the secretariat at your earliest convenience.

Would you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Kind regards,

André

BCC: TIR focal points and participants to the 26th session of GE.1