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Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport

One-hundred-and-fourteenth session  
Geneva, 26 – 29 September 2006

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
FOR THE ONE-HUNDRED-AND-FOURTEENTH SESSION**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting at 15.00 hours on Tuesday, 26 September 2006 \*

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

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The full text of the Conventions as well as complete lists of Contracting Parties to the Conventions referred to in this agenda are available on the UNECE web site: <http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/legalinst.html#customs>.

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## **II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

### **Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda**

Documentation: **ECE/TRANS/WP.30/227**

1. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item to be considered is the adoption of the agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/227).

### **Item 2 Activities of UNECE Bodies and other United Nations Organizations of Interest to the Working Party**

2. The Working Party will be informed about the results of relevant sessions of the Inland Transport Committee, its subsidiary bodies and other United Nations bodies and organizations as they relate to matters of interest to the Working Party.

### **Item 3 Activities of other Organizations of Interest to the Working Party**

Documentation: **ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/11**

3. The Working Party may wish to be informed about recent activities by the World Customs Organization (WCO), the European Commission (DG TAXUD), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) as well as by other governmental and non-governmental organizations as far as they relate to matters of interest to the Working Party.

4. The Working Party may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/11, transmitted by the ISO, concerning the reinforcement of door openings on containers with a view to considering if provisions of such a nature would also have applicability for the Conventions under the auspices of the Working Party.

### **Item 4 International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982 (“Harmonization Convention”)**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/55 (<http://border.unece.org> - Legal Instruments);  
**ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/13; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/12**

#### **(a) Status of the Convention**

5. The Working Party will be informed of the situation concerning the scope and the number of Contracting Parties to the Convention. A complete list of Contracting Parties to the Convention is available at the following web site:  
[http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/agreem\\_cp.html#50](http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/agreem_cp.html#50). Information about the status of the Convention can be obtained from the following website:  
<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXI/subchapA/treaty17.asp>.

(b) **Preparation of a new Annex on rail border crossing**

6. The Working Party, at its one-hundred-and-thirteenth session, considered annex 1 of Informal document No. 1 (2006), transmitted by the Organization for the Collaboration of Railways (OSZhD), containing a draft for a new Annex to the Convention on facilitation of border crossing for railways.

7. The Working Party may wish to consider a revised version of the new draft Annex to the Convention prepared by OSZhD as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/13.

(c) **Survey on the implementation of the Convention**

8. The Working Party will recall that the UNECE secretariat in spring 2006 initiated a survey of the implementation of the “Harmonization” Convention, in particular, with a view to exploring possible capacity building needs in the context of the Convention. The Working Party may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/12 containing a summary of the findings of the survey.

9. The Working Party may wish to be informed of possible capacity building activities resulting from the survey. In this context, it will also be informed of the possible cooperation with the OSCE in organizing such activities.

**Item 5 International Convention to Facilitate the Crossing of Frontiers for Passengers and Baggage Carried by Rail, of 10 January 1952**

Documentation: (<http://border.unece.org> - Legal Instruments); **ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/14**

10. The Working Party may wish recall that, at its one-hundred-and-thirteenth session, it had considered a draft for a new International Convention to Facilitate the Crossing of Frontiers for Passengers and Baggage Carried by Rail prepared by the OSZhD (Informal document No. 1 (2006), annex 2). If adopted, it is the intention that the new Convention would replace the existing Convention of 1952.

11. The Working Party may wish to consider a revised proposal prepared by the OSZhD contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/14 .

**Item 6 Customs Conventions on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles (1954) and Commercial Road Vehicles (1956)**

Documentation: **ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/15**; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/3; TRANS/WP.30/2005/27; ECE/TRANS/107/Rev.1; ECE/TRANS/108; (<http://border.unece.org> - Legal Instruments)

(a) **Status of the Conventions**

12. The Working Party will be informed of the situation concerning the scope and the number of Contracting Parties to the Customs Conventions on the Temporary Importation of Private (1954) and Commercial (1956) Road Vehicles. Complete lists of Contracting Parties to the two Conventions are available at the following web site:

[http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/agreem\\_cp.html#39](http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/agreem_cp.html#39) and

[http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/agreem\\_cp.html#43](http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/agreem_cp.html#43). Information about the status of the Convention can be obtained from the following websites:

<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXI/subchapA/treaty8.asp>,

<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXI/subchapA/treaty10.asp>

(b) **Application of the Conventions**

13. The Working Party may wish to recall that, at its one-hundred-and-thirteenth session, it had considered Informal document No. 11 (2006), prepared by the secretariat in cooperation with AIT/FIA, containing proposals concerning (a) the use of the term “so far as possible” contained in Articles 13.3 and 14.3 of the 1954 and 1956 Conventions, respectively, (b) the use of the term “force majeure” in the context of the application of an international Convention and (c) the use of the Certificate of Location. The Working Party requested the secretariat to prepare an official document for its present session.

14. The Working Party may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/15, prepared by the secretariat in cooperation with the AIT/FIA.

**Item 7 Rail Transit**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/2006/9 and Corr.1

15. The Working Party may wish to take note that the Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-eighth session in February 2006 had adopted the text of the Convention on International Customs Transit Procedures for the Carriage of Goods by Rail under Cover of SMGS Consignment Notes. The Inland Transport Committee had decided that the Convention should be open for signature as from 1 June 2006 for one year. However, due to the fact that the translation of the document in all languages had not yet been finalized the opening for signature was postponed (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/226, para. 26).

16. The Working Party may wish to be informed of the latest developments concerning this point of the agenda.

**Item 8 Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring, 1954**

17. The Working Party, at its one-hundred-and-thirteenth session, decided to consider at its present session, whether a revision of the text of the Convention should be initiated with a view to bringing it into line with modern practices and requirements. In particular, delegations were invited to consider if the provisions of other international legal instruments, such as the revised

Kyoto Convention, address the issues contained in the Convention in a comprehensive manner in accordance with modern practices.

18. The Working Party may wish to exchange views on specific provisions on this issue.

**Item 9 Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention, 1975)**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/17 and Amends.1-25; **2005 TIR Handbook** (<http://tir.unece.org>); Depository Notification C.N.383.2006.TREATIES-2; Depository Notification C.N.397.2006.TREATIES-3

**(a) Status of the Convention**

19. The Working Party will be informed of the situation concerning the scope and the number of Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention, 1975.

20. A complete list of Contracting Parties to the Convention, as well as a list of countries in which TIR operations can be undertaken, is annexed to the report of the forty-first session of the TIR Administrative Committee (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/83, annex) and can also be found on the following web site: [http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/agreem\\_cp.html#48](http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/agreem_cp.html#48). Permanently updated information on the scope of the TIR Convention is available on the UNECE TIR web site: (<http://tir.unece.org>).

21. The Working Party may wish to take note that the following amendments to the Convention enter into force on 12 August 2006:

- Introduction of a new Article 42ter and the amendment of Article 60 of the Convention, together with the introduction of a new Annex 10 (Depository Notification C.N.383.2006.TREATIES-2)
- Addition of new Explanatory Notes to Article 6.2bis and Annex 8, Article 10 (b) of the Convention (Depository Notification C.N.397.2006.TREATIES-3).

**(b) Revision of the Convention**

**(i) Implementation of Phases I and II of the TIR revision process and examples of best practices**

22. The Working Party may wish to be informed of any new developments in relation to this question.

**(ii) Preparation of Phase III of the TIR revision process**

Documentation: **ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2006/6; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2006/6;** ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2006/4; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2006/3; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2006/Informal document No. 2; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2006/Informal document No. 1; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/224; TRANS/WP.30/192; TRANS/WP.30/2005/32-TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/18;

TRANS/WP.30/2005/2/Rev.1; Informal document No. 3 (2006); Informal Document No. 2 (2006)

23. The Working Party may wish to recall that, at its ninety-sixth session, it had decided to start work on Phase III of the TIR revision process, which would include a study of the following elements (TRANS/WP.30/192, para. 33):

- Revision of the TIR Carnet, including the insertion of additional data elements (ID number, HS code, value of goods, etc.);
- Use of new technologies in TIR operations also with a view to reducing the delay in notification of non-discharge.
- Revision of the TIR Carnet

24. The Working Party may wish to recall that, at its one-hundred-and-thirteenth session, it decided to consider at its future sessions the question of revision of the TIR Carnet, in particular the introduction in the TIR Carnet of the HS code bearing in mind the considerations by the TIR Administrative Committee to adopt a Recommendation on the use of the HS code in the context of the TIR Convention.

- Use of new technologies

25. The Working Party may wish to recall its discussions at its one-hundred-and-thirteenth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/226, paras. 33-41).

26. The Working Party may wish to be informed about an informal meeting between some Contracting Parties, which has taken place on 27 and 28 June 2006 in Ankara (Turkey) with a view to discussing the Customs aspects of the TIR computerization.

27. The Working Party may also wish to be informed about the outcome of the tenth session of the Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (ExG) which takes place on 25 and 26 September 2006 in conjunction with the present session. The agenda for the meeting is contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2006/6.

- Article 38

28. The Working Party may wish to recall, that at its one-hundred-and-ninth session, it had considered the question of the application of Article 38 and had recommended that the TIRExB develop a set of guidelines for the communication of exclusions according to Article 38 (TRANS/WP.30/218, paras.27-29).

29. The Working Party may wish to consider the proposals prepared by the TIRExB, contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/17, containing an example of best practice.

**(iii) Amendment proposals for the Convention**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/6; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/5;

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/224; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/2; TRANS/WP.30/2005/29; TRANS/WP.30/2005/24 and Corr.1; TRANS/WP.30/2005/23; TRANS/WP.30/2005/19; TRANS/WP.30/2005/18; TRANS/WP.30/2005/17; TRANS/WP.30/2005/16; TRANS/WP.30/2005/15; TRANS/WP.30/2005/12; TRANS/WP.30/2005/7; TRANS/WP.30/2005/6; TRANS/WP.30/2004/38; TRANS/WP.30/2004/37; TRANS/WP.30/2004/33; TRANS/WP.30/2004/32; TRANS/WP.30/2004/25; TRANS/WP.30/2004/24; TRANS/WP.30/2004/14; TRANS/WP.30/2004/11; TRANS/WP.30/2003/22; TRANS/WP.30/2003/11; TRANS/WP.30/2003/10; TRANS/WP.30/2002/30; TRANS/WP.30/R.179; TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2005/10; TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2005/9; TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2005/8; TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2005/7; TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2005/6; TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2005/5; TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2005/4 and Corr.1; TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2005/3; TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2005/2; TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/2005/1; Informal document No. 5 (2006); Informal document No. 4 (2006); Informal document No. 5 (2005) (GE.2); Informal document No. 3 (2005) (GE.2); Informal document No. 8 (2005); Informal document No. 2 (2004); Informal document No. 3 (2003)

30. The Working Party may wish to recall that, at its one-hundred-and-thirteenth session, it had decided to postpone the consideration of the all amendment proposals as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/5, prepared by the secretariat. The Working Party may also wish to recall that the IRU had transmitted this organization's views on the amendments as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/6.

31. The Working Party may wish to consider the various amendment proposals transmitted by Contracting Parties and the IRU.

(c) **Application of the Convention**

(i) **Control system for TIR Carnets - IRU SafeTIR**

32. The Working Party may wish to be informed by the IRU about developments concerning the issue.

(ii) **Settlement of claims for payments**

33. The Working Party may wish to be informed by Customs authorities and the IRU of the present situation with regard to the settlement of claims for payments made by Customs authorities against national guaranteeing associations.

(iii) **Issues relating to technical provisions**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/16

34. The Working Party recalled that, at its one-hundred-and-thirteenth session, it had taken note of the serious problems which seem to exist with regard to the incorrect application of the approval and of vehicles and loading units according to annexes 2 and 7 of the Convention as well as the lack of appropriate controls of vehicles and loading units at Customs offices of departure (ECE/TRAN/WP.30/2006, paras. 47-49).

35. The Working Party may wish to take note of document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/16, transmitted by the European Union Customs Assistance Program in Serbia and Montenegro (CAFAO), containing a manual for checking of vehicles.

(iv) **TIR Handbook**

Documentation: UNECE document (<http://tir.unece.org>); **2005 TIR Handbook**

36. The TIR Handbook contains the text of the Convention and its annexes, including the amendments to the Convention and Explanatory Notes, as well as all relevant comments adopted by the Working Party and the Administrative Committee.

37. The 2005 version of the Handbook is available in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish language versions both in hard copy, CD-ROM and in electronic version for download from the UNECE TIR web site: <http://tir.unece.org>. Hard copies and CD-ROM's can be obtained from the secretariat.

38. It is the intention to update the present version of the TIR Handbook, including the latest amendments and comments to the Convention, in the beginning of 2007.

(v) **Other matters**

39. The Working Party may wish to consider any other issues and difficulties in the application of the Convention faced by Customs authorities, national associations, the international insurers or the IRU.

**Item 10 Prevention of the Abuse of Customs Transit Systems by Smugglers**

40. As in the past, the Working Party may wish, on a restricted basis, to exchange views concerning any special cases, devices and facilities used to abuse the TIR transit system.

41. The Working Party has, at its previous sessions, invited all Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention, 1975, and the World Customs Organization (WCO) to transmit all relevant information on such cases so that it could take the necessary steps, falling within its competence and mandate, to prevent such occurrences (TRANS/WP.30/127, paras. 55-57).

**Item 11 Programme of Work For 2007 to 2011**

42. The Working Party may wish to consider and amend as appropriate its Work Programme for the years 2007 to 2011 based on the present Programme of Work contained in the annex 1.

**Item 12      Other Business**

**(a)      Dates of the next sessions**

43.      The Working Party may wish to decide on the dates for its next sessions.

44.      The secretariat has already scheduled the one-hundred-and-fifteenth session of the Working Party to be held in the week from 29 January to 2 February 2007 in conjunction with the forty-third session of the TIR Administrative Committee.

45.      The Working Party will be informed about the exact dates for the one-hundred-and-sixteenth session at the present session.

**(b)      Restriction on the distribution of documents**

46.      The Working Party should decide whether there shall be any restrictions with respect to the distribution of documents issued in connection with its current session.

**Item 13      Adoption of the Report**

47.      In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report on its one-hundred-and-fourteenth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat. Given the present resource restrictions with regard to translation facilities, parts of the final report may not be available at the session for adoption in all working languages.

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Annex 1

**Programme of work for the years 2006-2010**

**PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.10: CUSTOMS QUESTIONS AFFECTING TRANSPORT**

Harmonization and simplification of requirements for border crossing procedures concerning modes of inland **and intermodal** transport

Description:

- (a) Preparation and implementation and, where appropriate, review and modification of international legal instruments.
- (b) Simplification **and harmonization** of administrative formalities, documents and procedures.

Work to be undertaken: The Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport will pursue the following activities:

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

- (a) Review of relevant Conventions and Agreements on border crossing facilitation under the auspices of the Working Party in order to ensure their **relevance and implementation as well as** coherence with other international or sub-regional treaties and to keep them in line with modern transport and border control requirements. Priority: 1

Output expected in **2006**:

Analysis of the application of the following UNECE Conventions on border crossing facilitation: TIR Convention 1975; Customs Conventions on the Temporary Importation of Private (1954) and Commercial (1956) Road Vehicles;

Consideration of the need for negotiating two model container pool agreements providing guidance to the transport industry and the Contracting Parties on the implementation of the provisions of the "Customs Container Pool Convention" covering international rail and international maritime transport.

- (b) Periodic review of Resolutions and Recommendations adopted by the Working Party with a view to confirming their usefulness and implementation as well as possibly adopting modifications where deemed necessary. Priority: 2

Output expected in **2006**:

Initial review of all Resolutions and Recommendations adopted by the Working Party with a view to deciding on which Resolutions and Recommendations to focus in the coming year.

- (c) Study of the possible extension of relevant UNECE Conventions on border crossing facilitation to other regions, particularly relating to legal and administrative aspects.  
Priority: 2

Output expected in **2006**:

Preparation and organization of regional and/or national workshops, possibly in cooperation with UNESCAP and UNESCWA **and other relevant UN and international organizations**, on the implementation of relevant UNECE Conventions on border crossing facilitation, in particular in Asia and the Middle East.

- (d) Study of Customs questions with a view to simplification of Customs formalities and documents in the field of transport, in particular taking account of the possibility of electronic data interchange solutions, including UN/EDIFACT messages.  
Priority: 1

Output expected in **2006**:

Analysis and revision of the provisions of both a strategic and technical nature of the TIR Convention, in particular the provisions relating to the guarantee system with a view to enhancing the functioning and efficiency for both the public and private partners in the TIR system;

Coordination of work with the relevant bodies within the European Community on integration of the TIR system in the New Customs Transit System (**NCTS**);

Continuation of work on phase III of the TIR revision procedure, focusing on the revision of the TIR Carnet and on provisions for a modernized EDI-based Customs administration and control system.

- (e) Study of specific legal and other measures to combat fiscal fraud resulting from simplified Customs and other border crossing procedures, such as the TIR regime, including periodic review of the status of implementation of resolution No. 220 (prevention of the abuse of Customs transit systems by drug smugglers). Setting-up of mechanisms and administrative procedures for the regular exchange of information with other Governmental and non-governmental organizations to combat such fraud.  
Priority: 1

Output expected in **2006**:

Preparation of adequate instruments and measures to improve international cooperation among Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention, 1975 and concerned national and international organizations to prevent fraud;

Activities towards implementation of the Recommendation adopted by the TIR Administrative

Committee on 20 October 1995 on an international EDI control system for TIR Carnets; Exchange of intelligence among Customs authorities of Contracting Parties to relevant UNECE Conventions on border crossing facilitation on abuses with a view to identifying measures to combat such occurrences.

- (f) Analysis of difficulties encountered relating to border crossing formalities with a view to devising administrative procedures eliminating such difficulties. The analysis will cover health, phytosanitary, veterinary and quality controls, application of standards, public safety controls, etc., including the promotion of the implementation and extension of the scope of the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods of 1982 (Harmonization Convention). Priority: 1

Output expected in **2006**:

[Finalization of a new annex to the "Harmonization Convention" on road transport, including possibly an international lorry weight certificate, in close cooperation with the Working Party on Road Transport].

Study of concrete measures facilitating border crossing procedures for railway transport in cooperation with the Working Party on Rail Transport, possibly through the preparation of a new annex on rail border crossing facilitation.

#### ACTIVITIES OF A LIMITED DURATION

- (a) Study to facilitate railway transit traffic on the basis of the CIM and the SMGS Consignment Notes, including the preparation of a new Customs transit regime allowing the use of the CIM and the SMGS consignment notes as a Customs document. Priority: 2

Output expected in **2006**:

[Preparation of a draft Customs transit convention covering international rail transport in SMGS Member States]

Study the full integration of a harmonized Customs transit regime covering all COTIF and SMGS Member States.

- (b) **Study of the provisions of the Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring, 1954, with a view to modernizing the provisions of the Convention in line with modern Customs, touring and tourist practices.** Priority: 2

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Annex 2 – Conference Registration Form



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