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Introduction

1. The informal working group on telematics has worked on a way to allow anticipated use of the technical platform for exchanging dematerialized transport documentation under 5.4.0.2.
2. As the delegate from the Netherlands rightly points out, the informal working group decided to change the nature of the document dealing with this issue from a MoU to guidelines. During the last meeting of that group in Vienna some work has started to adapt the text and make it more suitable for the format of guidelines.
3. This work has not been finalized and the delegate from the Netherlands is right in saying that part 2 shall be modified.
4. In between, the concept has been presented to the inland transport Committee (ITC) and the ITC has strongly supported the work done at the UNECE Joint meeting. Therefore, it should not be difficult to get support from UNECE to publish the guidelines and have a place on the website where contracting parties notify their commitment to use the guidelines.
5. This system would make a lot of part 2 of the guidelines unnecessary.
6. However, deleting this part 2 completely goes to far in our opinion. There are still some concepts in the proposed text that are worth keeping , inter-alia :
 - it has to be mentioned that by notifying use of the guideline a contracting party commits to use it fully and will accept documents sent in that format;
 - the concept of a technical working group for TP1 is still useful;
 - although this will work differently as in the context of a MoU the idea of having a forum dedicated to the contracting parties that are committed to use the guidelines is useful to exchange on practical difficulties.

Proposal

7. In order to save time in the plenary, it is proposed to have a short lunchtime discussion to prepare the work for the next meeting of the informal group to be held in Germany in June.
 8. The goal is to define the main orientations for the working group that would then draft a new more suitable part 2 in details.
 9. Discussions shall only concern the administrative parts on the guideline and not the technical parts as there will not be enough ITS expertise in the room.
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