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

Fourteenth session
Geneva, 10-11 April 2008

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTEENTH SESSION

To be held at the Palais the Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.00 hours on Thursday, 10 April 2008^{1, 2, 3}

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).

³ Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website <<http://www.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 imed.ben.hamida@unece.org) or by fax (41 22 917 0039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext. 71313 or 72402). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website <<http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>>.

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30.GE.1/2008/1

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

Item 2 Election of officers

2. In accordance with AC.2 and WP.30 mandates, 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 elect a Chairperson and possibly a vice-chairperson to steer its work in 2008.

Item 3 Reference Model of the TIR Procedure

(a) Chapters 1 and 2

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/14/Rev.1⁴

3. The Expert Group may wish to take note of document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/14/Rev.1 containing the latest version of the Reference Model including the updates proposed by the group at its last session.

(b) Pending issues

4. The Expert Group may also wish to consider the pending issues Nos. 66 and 68.⁵ It may also examine the outcome of the discussions by the WP.30 at its one-hundred-and-eighteenth session.

(c) Chapter 3 – Analysis

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/13/Rev.1

5. At the request of the Expert Group, the secretariat updated Chapter 3 of the Reference Model in line with the findings of the Expert Group at its thirteenth session. It included the list of messages devised by the group and changed the text and diagrams in line with the group's requests. Moreover, document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/13/Rev.1 also contains the secretariat proposals for electronic messages structures and detailed fallback scenarios. Finally, taking into account the WCO Framework of Standards and the Commission Regulation No. 1875/2006, the secretariat also proposes some new security data elements aiming at completing the list of data element currently required by the TIR Convention.

6. The Expert Group may wish to review the revised Chapter 3 taking into account issues Nos. 82 and 106 and decide on further steps leading to the finalization of Chapter 3.

Item 4 Financial implications of the national implementation of eTIR

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2008/2

7. The Expert Group may wish to discuss the draft questionnaire on the national financial implications of the eTIR project contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2008/2 and possibly request the secretariat to submit the document to the WP.30 for endorsement before sending the questionnaire to all Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention.

⁴ Further to a decision by the Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport (WP.30) at its one-hundred-and-eighteenth session, working documents for the GE.1 will be issued in English only. Agendas and reports of GE.1 will continue to be available in all three UNECE working languages, as well as any other document submitted by the GE.1 for consideration by other bodies.

⁵ Open issues and related decisions are outlined in annexes 1 and 2 respectively.

Item 5 Other business

(a) WCO transit data model

8. The Expert Group may wish to be informed of the outcome of the discussion by the DMPT at its session of 16-23 January 2008.

(b) Other activities of interest

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

(c) Date and place of next session

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

Item 6 Adoption of the report

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

Annex I

Open issues

Issue No	Subject	Description	Date	Source	Related decision(s)	Solved
66	Intro to Chapter 2	Is it necessary to have digital signatures as data elements?	7-8 Mar. 06	ExG (Bratislava)	115	
68	Intro to Chapter 2	An efficient and cost-effective procedure for the submission of the declaration is necessary	7-8 Mar. 06	ExG (Bratislava)	112, 113	
82	3.1.1.5	Is the "Get holder information" web service required?	26-27 Nov. 2007	GE.1 (13th)	-	
106	3.	Include security data element.	26-27 Nov. 2007	GE.1 (13th)	149	

Annex II

Decisions related to the open issues

Decision No.	Issue No.	Description	Date	Source	Version ⁶
112	68	ExG decided that the electronic declarations should only be sent to Customs offices of departure	7-8 March 06	ExG (Bratislava)	
113	68	ExG decided to seek guidance from WP.30 on how an operator could submit a declaration in a country other than his own without having to deal with intermediaries	7-8 March 06	ExG (Bratislava)	
115	66	ExG decided to remove the digital signature from the messages between Customs authorities but decided to postpone the discussion on their necessity in the declaration	7-8 March 06	ExG (Bratislava)	
149	106	See WCO framework of standards and EU regulation 1875/2006.	26-27 Nov. 2007	GE.1 (13th)	

⁶ This column indicates in which version the results of the decision will be included for the first time.