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<u>affecting Transport</u>

<u>Informal ad hoc Expert Group on the</u> <u>Computerization of the TIR procedure</u>

Updates of the Reference Model of the TIR Procedure

Follow up to decision ExG/14 (1.1.6. Constraints)

Transmitted by the secretariat

A. BACKGROUND

1. At its third session on 1 and 2 September 2003 in Budapest, the Informal ad hoc Expert Group (hereafter called the Expert Group) requested the secretariat to draft a proposal for a clarification of the term "constraints", contained in Chapter 1.1.6. of the Reference Model. Some Experts felt that the term did not to justice to the objective nature of the contents of the Chapter (ExG/COMP/2003/5, Decision 14).

B. PROPOSAL BY THE SECRETARIAT

2. The secretariat proposes to keep the term "constraints", considering that the term is part of the UMM methodology, but to add the following as introductory text to Chapter 1.1.6, explaining the scope of the term.

"This Chapter describes which issues of a technical, political, economical or other nature have to be taken into account when designing and describing the eTIR Project. Some such issues may limit the possibilities for the project, whereas others may represent dependencies or even create opportunities.

The Requirement List of Annex I specifies how each of these constraints has to be addressed."

C. CONSIDERATIONS BY THE EXPERT GROUP

3. Expert Group is requested to discuss and, possibly, validate the proposed amended text of Chapter 1.1.6.