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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTH SESSION OF
THE TIR CONTACT GROUP**

**to be held at Hotel Athens Acropol, Athens (Greece)
starting at 09.00 hours on Monday, 22 April 2002^{2/}**

- 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- 2. ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON**

^{2/} Registration of participants will be on 22 April 2002 from 8.00 hours to 09.00 hours in front of the Conference room in the Hotel Athens Acropol (see schedule of work).

As is the case for all UNECE meetings, for reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of the documents mentioned in this provisional agenda to the meeting. There will be no documentation available in the meeting room. Before the meeting, missing documents may be obtained directly from the UNECE Transport Division (Fax: +41-22-917-0039; e-mail: Poul.Hansen@unece.org). Documents may also be downloaded from the Internet web site of the UNECE Transport Division (www.unece.org/trans).

3. INTRODUCTION TO PHASE II OF THE TIR REVISION PROCESS

The TIR Contact Group may wish to recall the objective behind the adopted amendments to Phase II of the TIR revision process and the procedure for their implementation.

The Group may wish to be informed about the status of the TIR Handbook. The latest version of the TIR Handbook containing all amendments to the TIR Convention entering into force on 12 May 2002 will be made available to all participants at the meeting in the English, French and Russian languages.

4. STATUS OF PHASE II OF THE TIR REVISION PROCESS

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/17/Amend. 21; C.N.36.2001.TREATIES-1; C.N.17.2002.TREATIES-2; C.N.123.2002.TREATIES-3; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/59.

With Depositary Notification C.N.123.2002.TREATIES-3 the Secretary General of the United Nations has informed the Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention that the amendments contained in Depositary Notification C.N.36.2001.TREATIES-1 and adopted by the Administrative Committee of the TIR Convention in October 2002 (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/59, Annexes 3, 5 and 7) will enter into force on 12 May 2002 as no objections has been raised. The consolidated version of all amendments under Phase II of the TIR revision process, including the amendments containing corrections to the French text contained in Depositary Notification C.N.17.2002.TREATIES-2, are contained in document ECE/TRANS/17/Amend. 21.

The Group may wish to be informed about the legal status and the entry into force of the amendments to the TIR Convention, in particular how such amendments are being implemented at national level.

5. APPLICATION OF THE REVISED PROVISIONS UNDER PHASE II

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/17/Amend. 21; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/59.

The TIR Contact Group may wish to consider all aspects related to the application of the amendments adopted by the TIR Administrative Committee (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/59, Annexes 3, 5 and 7). Delegations are invited to inform the Group of all relevant issues that they would like to have discussed and/or clarified in order to assist Customs authorities, national associations and the IRU in the implementation of the new provisions of the Convention.

The secretariat proposes the following issues for consideration by the Group:

- (a) Terms “TIR procedure”, “TIR transport” and “TIR operation”
Article 1, paragraph (a) and (b) of the TIR Convention
 - Definitions
 - Examples

- (b) Terms “termination of a TIR operation ” and “discharge of a TIR operation”
Article 1, paragraph (d) and (e) of the TIR Convention
 - Definitions
 - Examples
 - Procedures

- (c) Term “holder of a TIR Carnet”
Article 1, paragraph (o) of the TIR Convention
 - Definition

- (d) Responsibilities of the international organization authorized to issue TIR Carnets
Article 6, paragraph 2 bis of the TIR Convention
 - Definition
 - Responsibilities
 - General minimum conditions and requirements
 - Authorization procedure

- (e) Relationship between the international organization and its national representatives
Annex 6, new Explanatory Note 0.6.2 bis of the TIR Convention
 - Definition
 - General minimum conditions and requirements for the agreements on the functioning of the international guarantee system
 - Verification of the existence of such agreements
 - Contractual confidentiality

- (f) Implementation of examples of best practice
TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/59, annex 7
 - Procedures
 - National examples of best practices
 - Practical application of the specimen inquiry note and the specimen reminder Letter
 - Documentation requirements

- (g) Practical implementation of the procedures adopted under Phase II of the TIR revision

Presentation by the Turkish Customs authorities on the implementation of procedures relating to Phase II of the TIR revision process

6. APPLICATION OF THE EXAMPLE AUTHORIZATION AND AGREEMENT

The Contact Group may wish to be informed about the status of the example authorization and agreement and may wish to exchange views on the implementation at national level.

The Group may also wish to discuss the impact on the example authorization and agreement of Phase II of the TIR revision process.

7. APPLICATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE TIR ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF 20 OCTOBER 1995 AND 20 OCTOBER 2000

The TIR Contact Group may wish to exchange views on the application of the Recommendations adopted by the TIR Administrative Committee on 20 October 1995 and 20 October 2000 and to consider the impact of Phase II of the TIR revision process.

The Group will have before it a letter transmitted by the secretariat to all TIR Customs Focal Points on the implications of the amendments under Phase II of the TIR revision process for the IRU SAFETIR system.

The Group may also wish to be informed about the experiences made with the identification number for TIR Carnet holders and the status of the International TIR Databank (ITDB) administered by the TIR Executive Board (TIRExB).

The Group may wish to be informed by the IRU of the status of the IRU SAFETIR system.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

If time permits the Group may wish to consider any other issues of relevance for the efficient application of the TIR procedure.

SCHEDULE OF WORK AND TIMING OF EVENTS

21 April 2002 Sunday (optional)

07.15 Departure from Hotel Athens Acropol for “Three Island Cruise”.
20.00 Return to Hotel Athens Acropol

22 April 2002 Monday (agenda items 1 – 6)

08.00 - 09.00 Registration of participants outside the meeting room
09.00 - 09.30 Opening addresses by representatives of the Greek host authorities
09.30 - 10.30 Morning session
10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break
11.00 - 13.00 Continuation of the morning session
13.00 - 15.00 Lunch break
15.00 - 16.30 Afternoon session
16.30 - 17.00 Coffee break
17.00 - 18.00 Continuation of afternoon session
20.00 Dinner offered by OFAE

23 April 2002 Tuesday (agenda items 7 and 8)

08.00 Departure from Hotel Athens Acropol
 Study tour to Inofita Customs office (application of the TIR procedure)
13.00 Lunch break (on the road)
16.00 - 19.00 Afternoon session
19.00 Closure
