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**ACTIVITIES OF UNECE BODIES AND OTHER UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS
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New layout of the UNECE web site

**Presentation of the newly revised web site of the Border Crossing Facilitation section of the
UNECE Transport Division**

Note by the secretariat

1. The Working Party is invited to take note that the web site of the Border Crossing Facilitation section as well as all other parts of the UNECE web site have been revised recently. The new layout of the web site ensures increased user-friendliness and easier access to documentation and information on the web site.
2. The address of the web site of the Border Crossing Facilitation section is:

http://www.unece.org/trans/new_tir/home.html

Delegates are invited to visit the site.

3. The Working Party is informed that documentation relating to the work of the Working Party usually is available on the web site well in advance of the availability of the hard copies. Consequently, delegates with internet access are advised to use the web site to obtain documentation concerning the work of the Working Party as fast as possible.

4. Selected pages from the revised web site are found in annex one. The secretariat will present the new layout of the web site during the present session of the Working Party. Delegates will also have the possibility to access the revised web site during the present session from a PC, which will be available of the meeting room.


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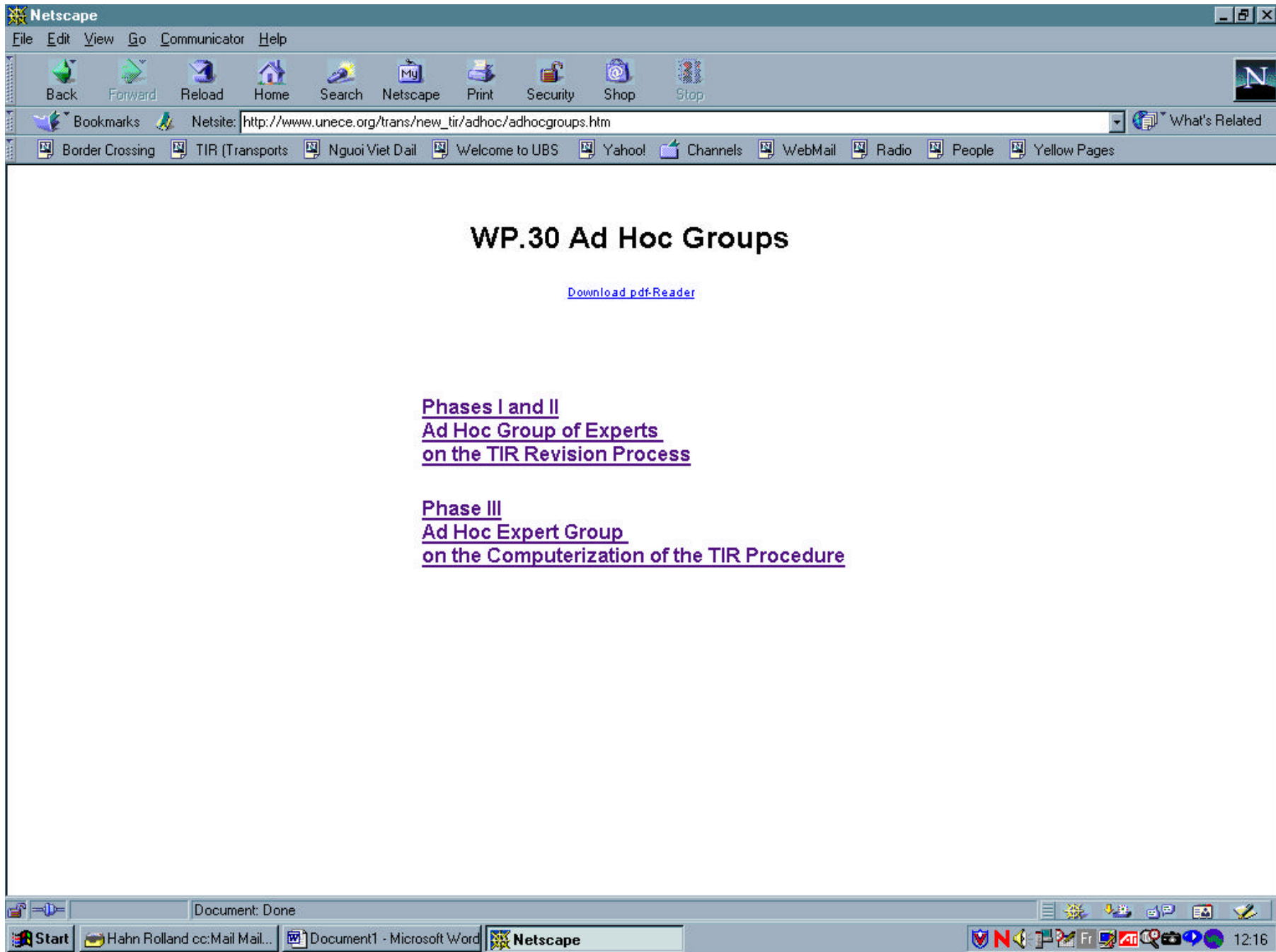
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new **Validity of certificates of approval issued for road vehicles without load compartments**

12 June 2001

The TIR Executive Board (TIRExB) has recently been informed that competent authorities of some Contracting Parties to the Convention seem to issue certificates of approval for road vehicles without load compartments, e.g. tractor units and open semi-trailers for transport of containers.

The TIRExB recalls that already in 1996 the UNECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) and the TIR Administrative Committee expressed the opinion that certificates of approval issued for road vehicles without load compartments are not in line with the provisions of the Convention (TRANS/WP.30/166, paras. 40-42; TRANS/WP.30/168, para. 38; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/39, para. 17; see also comment "Provision of approval certificate and approval plate", 1999 TIR Handbook, page 43). Thus, these certificates should be regarded as invalid from the date of issue.

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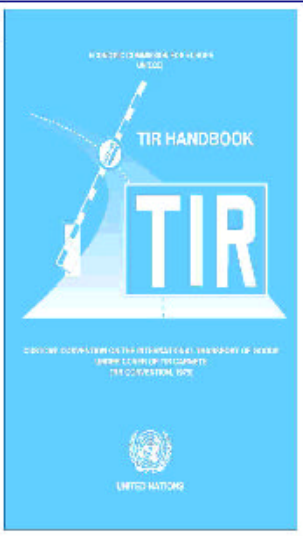
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Contents: **The first section** describes the TIR transit system, its coverage, objective and functioning and analyses possible future developments. **The second section** contains the complete text of the TIR Convention, 1975, as of 17 February 1999. **The third section** provides information on related resolutions and recommendations.

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