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Technical aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure

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Geneva, 26-27 November 2007

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTEENTH SESSION^{1, 2}

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 26 November 2007

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/12

1. 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 adopt its agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/12).

Item 2 Activities of the Expert Group

2. The informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure may wish to be reminded that, following the insertion of Chapter 2 in the Reference Model, its activities will become increasingly more technical, requiring the involvement and, if possible, the presence of experts in the field of technical modelling and business process analysis.

(a) Reference Model of the TIR Procedure

(i) Chapters 1 and 2

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

3. The Expert Group may wish to take note of document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/14 containing version 2.0a of the Reference Model of the TIR Procedure, which now includes Chapter 2 as adopted by the Working Party at its one-hundred-and-seventeenth session (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/234, para. 22).

(ii) Pending issues

4. At the last Working Party meeting, concern was raised with regard to the financial implications of the eTIR project (informal documents No. 18 and 20 (2007)). In an effort to address this issue, the Expert Group may wish to have a first round of discussions, focusing on issues related to the costs of the national implementation of eTIR, for example, preparing a questionnaire.

(iii) Chapter 3 – Analysis

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

5. At the request of the Expert Group, the secretariat started working on Chapter 3 of the Reference Model. To facilitate discussion, the secretariat prepared document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/13 elaborating the dynamics of the eTIR system by means of sequence diagrams and describing the objects using class diagrams, as envisaged by the UN/CEFACT Modelling Methodology.

6. In order to facilitate the work on Chapter 3, the secretariat proposes to organize small groups at the session, consisting of 3-4 experts each, which will be requested to analyze the sequence and class diagrams and to ensure conformity with Chapter 2. They will also be asked to translate the fallback scenarios from Chapter 2 into sequence diagrams. Furthermore, they should establish the list of internal and external messages to be used in the eTIR system. Finally, the experts will consider if it is useful to include collaborations and state chart diagrams at this phase of the work, and, if considered appropriate, devise them.

(b) WCO transit data model

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/15

7. Aware that the WCO standard data model will be used in the eTIR project, the secretariat actively participates in the work of the WCO Data Model Project Team (DMPT). At present, the WCO is preparing version 3 of the WCO data model. To ensure that the transit part of the data model also meets the requirements of the TIR Convention, the Expert Group may wish to take

note that the secretariat and the IRU submitted the so-called “data modification requests” (DMRs) as contained in the annex to document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/15.

8. The Expert Group may wish to be informed of the outcome of the discussion by the DMPT at its session of 5-16 November 2007.

Item 3 Other business

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

10. The Expert Group may also wish to be reminded that at its first session in 2008, elections for the position of chairperson and vice-chairperson will take place. In this respect, Contracting Parties will be invited to propose candidates for these positions.

Item 4 Date and place of next session

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

Item 5 Report

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