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affecting Transport

Ad hoc Group of Experts
on Phase II of the TIR revision process
(24-26 June 1998)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND SESSION

**to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 24 June 1998**

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item to be considered is the adoption of the agenda (TRANS/WP.30/1998/6).

2. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FIRST SESSION

The group of experts may wish to adopt the report of its first session held on 2 and 3 April 1998 in Geneva (TRANS/WP.30/1998/5).

PLEASE NOTE: The distribution of documents of the Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies is no longer "restricted". Accordingly, the secretariat has adopted a new numbering system whereby all documents other than reports and agendas of the Working Party will be numbered as follows: TRANS/WP.30/year/serial number. Reports and agendas of the Working Party will retain their previous numbering system (e.g., TRANS/WP.30/177).

3. PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE TIR CONVENTION, 1975 - PHASE II OF THE TIR REVISION PROCESS

The group of experts may wish to continue its consideration on the basis of the adopted report of its first session (TRANS/WP.30/1998/5).

The report addresses the following elements that have been considered in accordance with the mandate given by the Working Party and the TIR Administrative Committee:

- (a) Stable and well-functioning international guarantee system
- (b) Status and functions of the international organization(s)
- (c) Harmonized discharge procedures
 - (i) Definition of discharge
 - (ii) Recommended discharge procedure
 - (iii) Recommended inquiry procedure
- (d) Reduction in the notification periods for Customs claims
- (e) Alternative forms of evidence as proof for the discharge of TIR Carnets
- (f) EDI control system for TIR Carnets: Implementation of the Recommendation of 20 October 1995
- (g) Re-introduction of the guarantee coverage for tobacco and alcohol
- (h) Definition of the holder of TIR Carnets
- (i) Revised TIR Carnet

4. IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE I OF THE TIR REVISION PROCESS - IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ANNEX 9, PART I, PARAGRAPH 1 (f)(v)

The group of experts may wish to recall that the Working Party, at its ninetieth session, and the TIR Administrative Committee, at its twenty-fourth session, had prepared and adopted in principle a comment on the application of the provisions of annex 9, Part I, paragraph 1 (f)(v).

member associations to transmit the draft of a new global insurance contract, in line with the adopted comment and the provisions of the revised Convention, to the secretariat for consideration by the paras. 18-21).

The draft text of the new global insurance contract is contained in document

The secretariat has been informed by insurance experts, that national legislation in a number of Central and Eastern European countries did not allow national associations to become parties to an to the Convention prohibited insurance cover against intentional damages.

For these reasons, the insurance experts, in preparing the above draft contract, have foreseen signature of the insurance contract by the insurance company and the IRU only, the latter acting for itself as well as for its associations. With a view to complying with the provisions of the revised Convention, it is also proposed by the insurance experts to provide national associations with a true and certified copy of the global insurance contract and with a certificate of insurance made out by the international insurers, stating the name(s) of the insurance company(ies) and the name of the beneficiary (the national association).

The group of experts may wish to consider these issues which may require a modification of the comment already adopted in principle by the TIR Administrative Committee.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

The group of experts may wish to consider any other item of interest.

The third session of the ad hoc group of experts has been scheduled to be held on 19 and 20 October 1998, prior to the ninety-first session of the Working Party (21-23 October 1998).

6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

The group of experts will adopt the report of its second session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.
