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Working Party on Customs Questions
affecting Transport

Ad hoc Group of Experts
on Phase II of the TIR revision process
(19 and 20 October 1998)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRD SESSION

**to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 19 October 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.30/1998/13).

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 reports of its first (TRANS/WP.30/1998/5 and Corr.1) and second sessions (TRANS/WP.30/1998/11).

(a) Stable and well-functioning international guarantee system

This issue has been discussed and resolved by the group of experts at its first and second sessions (TRANS/WP.30/1998/5, paras. 8-10; TRANS/WP.30/1998/11, paras. 8-9).

(b) Status and functions of the international organization(s)

This issue has been discussed and resolved by the group of experts at its first and second sessions by agreeing on amendment proposals to article 6 (new paragraph 2 bis) and Annex 6 (explanatory note 0.6.2 bis) (TRANS/WP.30/1998/5, paras. 11-16; TRANS/WP.30/1998/11, paras. 10-11).

(c) Harmonized discharge procedures

(I) Definition of discharge

The group of experts may wish to continue its consideration of this issue taking account of the deliberations at its first and second sessions (TRANS/WP.30/1998/5, paras. 17-21; TRANS/WP.30/1998/11, paras. 12-17).

A secretariat document will be transmitted to participants shortly before the meeting (TRANS/WP.30/1998/14).

(ii) Recommended discharge procedure

The group of experts may wish to continue its consideration of this issue taking account of the deliberations at its first and second sessions (TRANS/WP.30/1998/5, paras. 22-23; TRANS/WP.30/1998/11, paras. 18).

A secretariat document will be transmitted to participants shortly before the meeting (TRANS/WP.30/1998/14).

(iii) Recommended inquiry procedure

The group of experts may wish to continue its consideration of this issue taking account of the deliberations at its first and second sessions (TRANS/WP.30/1998/5, paras. 24-26; TRANS/WP.30/1998/11, paras. 19-20).

Written information on national practices as well as other elements for inclusion into recommended practices, as already prepared provisionally at the first session of the group is expected to be provided by participants. All information received well before the session will be circulated by the secretariat.

(d) Definition of the holder of TIR Carnets

The group of experts may wish to continue consideration of this issue taking account of the deliberations on its first session (TRANS/WP.30/1998/5, paras. 32-38) and of proposals made by the experts from Denmark and the Russian Federation (TRANS/WP.30/1998/8 (English only)).

(e) Reduction in the notification periods for Customs claims

This issue has been discussed and resolved by the group of experts at its first and second sessions (TRANS/WP.30/1998/5, para. 27; TRANS/WP.30/1998/11, para. 21).

(f) Alternative forms of evidence as proof for the discharge of TIR Carnets

The group of experts may wish to continue its consideration of this issue taking account of the deliberations at its first session (TRANS/WP.30/1998/5, para. 28).

(g) EDI control system for TIR Carnets: Implementation of the Recommendation of 20 October 1995

Following consideration of this issue at the first session of the group of experts (TRANS/WP.30/1998/5, paras. 29-30; and Corr.1), the secretariat proposes to include it into the agenda of the ninety-first session of the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (21-23 October 1998).

(h) Re-introduction of the guarantee coverage for sensitive goods, including tobacco and alcohol

Taking account of the considerations on this issue at the first session of the group of experts (TRANS/WP.30/1998/5, para. 31; and Corr.1), the group of experts may wish to continue its deliberations. The representatives of the European Community and the International Road Transport Union (IRU) may wish to provide information on the activities under way to re-establish guarantee coverage for sensitive goods on the territory of the European Community.

(I) Revised TIR Carnet

Taking account of the deliberations on this issue at its first session, the group of experts may wish to define the strategy and the timing for a revision of the TIR Carnet and may wish to determine the essential elements to be modified (TRANS/WP.30/1998/5, para. 39).

(j) Computerization of the TIR transit system

The group of experts may wish to consider possibilities to computerize the TIR transit system, taking account of the latest developments within the European Community (EC) on the New Computerized Transit System (NCTS) and its consequences for the TIR procedure within the EC member States.

**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). The Working Party had also invited the International Road Transport Union (IRU) and its 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 group of experts at its second session (TRANS/WP.30/180, paras. 19-23; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/49, paras. 18-21).

The draft text of the new global insurance contract, as contained in document TRANS/WP.30/1998/7, was considered provisionally, up to article 5, at the second session of the group of experts (TRANS/WP.30/1998/11, paras. 28-36). As of 31 July 1998, the secretariat has not received any written clarifications and amendment proposals with regard to the draft insurance contract.

In this context, the group of experts may recall that it had proposed to modify the above-mentioned comment of the TIR Administrative Committee in order not to jeopardize the acceptance of the global insurance contract by some Contracting Parties. Subsequently, these proposals have been approved by the TIR Administrative Committee at its twenty-fifth session (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/51, paras. 14-18).

The group of experts may wish to terminate consideration of the draft insurance contract with a view to its endorsement as regards compliance with the provisions of the revised TIR Convention.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

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

6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

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