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**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA
FOR THE ONE-HUNDRED-AND-NINETEENTH SESSION**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 15.00 hours on Monday, 2 June 2008^{1, 2}

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² The full text of the Conventions as well as complete lists of Contracting Parties to the Conventions referred to in this agenda are available on the UNECE website: <<http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/legalinst.html#customs>>. Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available from the Internet website of the UNECE Transport Division <<http://www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html>> and to transmit it to the UNECE secretariat, at the latest one week prior to the session, either by fax (+41-22-917-0039) or by e-mail (wp.30@unece.org). Prior to the session, delegates who do not hold a long-term access badge should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact by telephone the UNECE secretariat (internal extension 74030). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website <<http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>>.

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/237

1. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item to be considered is the adoption of the agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/237).

Item 2 Activities of UNECE bodies and other United Nations Organizations of interest to the Working Party

2. The Working Party will be informed about the results of relevant sessions of the Inland Transport Committee, its subsidiary bodies and other United Nations bodies and organizations as far as they relate to matters of interest to the Working Party.

Item 3 Activities of other organizations and countries of interest to the Working Party

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/234

3. The Working Party may wish to be informed about recent activities by the World Customs Organization (WCO), the European Commission (DG TAXUD), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) as well as by other governmental and non-governmental organizations as far as they relate to matters of interest to the Working Party.
4. At the invitation of the Working Party at its one-hundred-and-seventeenth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/234, para. 12), Contracting Parties may wish to provide, under this agenda item, information on their national, bilateral or regional experiences in the field of the computerized treatment of TIR Carnets, including the electronic exchange of data.

Item 4 International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982 (“Harmonization Convention”)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/55; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/11/Rev.1

(a) Status of the Convention

5. The Working Party will be informed of the situation concerning the scope and the number of Contracting Parties to the Convention. The Working Party may wish to be informed that the deadline for objection to the new Annex 8 on road transport expired on 20 February 2008 (Depositary Notification C.N.222.2007.TREATIES-1). Considering that, by that date, none of the Contracting Parties to the Convention had communicated an objection to the Secretary-General, the new Annex 8 entered into force on 20 May 2008 in accordance with Article 22 of the Convention (Depositary Notification C.N. 127.2008.TREATIES-1).

6. Contracting Parties may wish to use this opportunity to raise any issue related to the implementation of the new Annex 8 at the national level and/or mandate the secretariat, in accordance with the provisions of Annex 7, Article 4 of the Convention, to convene the ninth session of the Administrative Committee (AC.3), possibly in conjunction with the one-hundred-and-twentieth session of the Working Party and the forty-sixth session of the TIR Administrative Committee (6-10 October 2008).

(b) Preparation of a new Annex on rail border crossing

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/11/Rev.1; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/11; Informal document No. 1 (2008); ECE/TRANS/WP.30/236

7. The Working Party may wish to recall that, at its one-hundred-and-eighteenth session, it considered document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/11/Rev.1 together with Informal document No. 1 (2008), containing consolidated proposals by the Organization for Cooperation of Railways (OSJD) and the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) for the introduction of a new Annex 9 to the Convention on rail border crossing. After extensive discussion, the Working Party adopted slight amendments to Articles 4 and 8 of the new Annex 9. Having been informed by the European Community of a general reservation to the text, the Working Party decided to defer further discussions to its next session. The Working Party encouraged the European Community to send its comments before the end of February 2008 to OSJD and OTIF, with the aim to resolve any outstanding issue, and to keep the UNECE secretariat informed of the issues at stake as well as of any progress made (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/236, para. 13).

8. The Working Party may wish to continue its considerations of document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/11/Rev.1 containing consolidated proposals by OSJD and OTIF for the introduction of a new Annex 9 to the Convention, taking into account the already adopted slight amendments to Article 4 (replace “ railway administrations” by “ competent authorities”) and Article 8 (replace “common’ by “ combined” and “is” by “ could be”) as well as any other information, to be provided by the European Community, OSJD, OTIF or the secretariat.

Item 5 International Convention to Facilitate the Crossing of Frontiers for Passengers and Baggage Carried by Rail, of 10 January 1952

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/7; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/12/Rev.1; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/12; Informal document No. 2 (2008); ECE/TRANS/WP.30/236

9. The Working Party may wish to recall that, at its one-hundred-and-eighteenth session, it considered document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2007/12/Rev.1 together with informal document No. 2 (2008), containing consolidated proposals by OSJD and OTIF for a new International Convention to Facilitate the Crossing of Frontiers in International Railway Passenger Transport. The Working Party discussed difficulties related to the adoption of a new proposed Convention in the context of the existing International Convention to Facilitate the Crossing of Frontiers for Passengers and Baggage carried by Rail of 1952. The Working Party supported the initiative by the OSJD to hold further consultations with its member countries to establish the relevance of acceding to the 1952 Convention and decided to postpone any further discussion under this agenda item until the outcome of such consultations is known (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/236, para. 14).

10. The Working Party may wish to be informed by the OSJD on any progress made in this field.

11. At its one-hundred-and-eighteenth session, the Working Party decided, as part of its programme of work for the year 2008, to analyze, inter alia, the application of the International Convention to Facilitate the Crossing of Frontiers for Passengers and Baggage carried by Rail, 1952 (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/236/Annex). In order to facilitate such analysis, the Working Party may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/7, prepared by the secretariat and containing general information on the application of the Convention, as well as its full text. Delegates should be prepared to provide the session with information on the relevance of this Convention, either as Contracting Party thereto or in view of possible future accession.

Item 6 Customs Conventions on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles (1954) and Commercial Road Vehicles (1956)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/107; ECE/TRANS/107/Rev.1 (Russian only); ECE/TRANS/108

(a) Status of the Conventions

12. The Working Party may wish to be informed of the situation concerning the scope and the number of Contracting Parties to the Customs Conventions on the Temporary Importation of Private (1954) and Commercial (1956) Road Vehicles.

(b) Application of the Conventions

13. The Working Party may wish to be informed about the recent developments with regard to the preparation of new comments and best practices and further activities to encourage accession to and the effective implementation of these two Conventions.

Item 7 Rail transit

The Convention on International Customs Transit Procedures for the Carriage of Goods by Rail under Cover of SMGS Consignment Notes

14. The Working Party may wish to recall that at its one-hundred-and-eighteenth session, it expressed its regret that, so far, no Contracting Party to the SMGS Convention had acceded to the Convention on International Customs Transit Procedures for the Carriage of Goods by Rail under Cover of SMGS Consignment Notes and that, as a consequence, the Convention had not yet entered into force. Considering the importance of the new Convention for the harmonization of international rail transit procedures and considering the efforts undertaken to reach agreement on its text, the Working Party encouraged Contracting Parties to the SMGS Agreement to accede to the Convention on International Customs Transit Procedures for the Carriage of Goods by Rail under Cover of SMGS Consignment Notes at the earliest possible opportunity, thus facilitating its entry into force. The Working Party took note of the information from the Russian Federation and Belarus that in both countries work is continuing to agree upon issues regarding accession to the Convention (ECE/TRANS/WP.30.236, para. 17).

15. The Working Party may wish to be informed by the Russian Federation, Belarus or any other Contracting Party to the SMGS Agreement about progress made in this field. Within the context of its discussions, the Working Party may also wish to consider which lessons to draw from this experience, with a view to avoiding similar situations occurring in the future within the Working Party's field of competence.

Item 8 Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention, 1975)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/17 and Amends.1-27; 2007 TIR Handbook³

(a) Status of the Convention

16. The Working Party will be informed of the situation concerning the scope and the number of Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention, 1975.

17. A complete list of Contracting Parties to the Convention, as well as a list of countries in which TIR operations can be undertaken, is annexed to the report of the forty-fifth session of the TIR Administrative Committee (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/93, annex).⁴

(b) Revision of the Convention

(i) Implementation of amendments to the TIR Convention and examples of best practices

18. The Working Party may wish to recall that, at its one-hundred-and-eighteenth session, it had invited Contracting Parties to convey to the secretariat any information about the

³ <<http://tir.unece.org>>.

⁴ Permanently updated information on the scope of the TIR Convention is available on the UNECE TIR web site: <<http://tir.unece.org>>.

implementation of the latest amendments to the TIR Convention at the national level (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/236, para. 19).

19. The Working Party may wish to be informed by the secretariat or any Contracting Party of any new developments in relation to this question.

(ii) Preparation of Phase III of the TIR revision process

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/16; **ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/8;**
ECE/TRANS/WP.30/236

Use of new technologies

20. The Working Party may wish to recall its discussions at its one-hundred-and-eighteenth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/236, paras. 20-22).

21. The Working Party may wish to endorse document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2007/16, containing the summary report of the thirteenth session of the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1) held in Geneva on 12 June 2007.

22. The Working Party may also wish to be informed about the outcome of the fourteenth session of the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1) which took place on 10 and 11 April 2008.

23. The Working Party may wish to recall that, at its one-hundred-and-eighteenth session, it requested the secretariat to submit a document clarifying the method of submission of the Customs declaration to Customs as contained in Chapter 2 of the eTIR Reference Model for consideration at its forthcoming session (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/236, para. 21). In line with this request, the secretariat prepared document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/8, containing the requested clarification for consideration by the Working Party. If approved, the Working Party may wish to request that Chapter 2.1.2.4.2 of the eTIR Reference Model, dealing with the declaration, be amended accordingly.

(iii) Amendment proposals for the Convention

Documentation: **ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/9; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/10;**
ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/11, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/12; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/13;
ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/14; ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/1

24. The Working Party may wish to recall its extensive discussions at its one-hundred-and-eighteenth session of amendment proposals to the Convention (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/236, paras. 23-27) on the basis of document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/1, prepared by the secretariat and various other proposals.

25. Bearing in mind the urgency and importance of the proposals to increase the level of guarantee to sixty thousand euros from fifty thousand United States dollars, the Working Party decided to deal with this aspect of the amendment proposals separately and on a priority basis. Therefore, it requested the secretariat to prepare for discussion at this meeting a proposal to

amend Explanatory Note 0.8.3 to the extent that it would, on the one hand, refer to the guarantee level of sixty thousand euros and, on the other hand, accommodate a regular review if fluctuations in exchange rates would so require, possibly by applying a value based on a basket of various main currencies, such as the Special Drawing Right, introduced by the International Monetary Fund in 1969. In addition, the Working Party requested the secretariat to prepare proposals to introduce an amendment to Article 23 or an Explanatory Note or comment thereto, which would make it clear that Customs authorities should only impose escorts based on risk assessment procedures. In order to facilitate further discussions, the Working Party reminded the IRU and the government of Turkey that it still awaited their impact studies of the increase in the level of the maximum guarantee to sixty thousand euros, as requested at the one-hundred-and-seventeenth session. Finally, the Working Party took note of opinions on the introduction of various levels of guarantees in the TIR system. The IRU was requested and agreed to provide its assessment of the proposal to accommodate multiple guarantee levels within the TIR system, including a possible time frame for its introduction.

26. In line with the request by the Working Party, the secretariat prepared document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/9 containing proposals to amend Explanatory Note 0.8.3. Furthermore, also at the request of the Working Party, the secretariat prepared document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/10 containing proposals to introduce an amendment to Article 23, aimed at clarifying that Customs authorities should only impose escorts based on risk assessment procedures. The Working Party may wish to consider and, possibly, adopt these proposals.

27. With regard to the other various amendment proposals, as consolidated in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/1, the Working Party may wish to recall its preliminary agreement (pending availability of the document in all three official UNECE languages) on the following issues:

- (a) to amend the text Article 1 (q) in English and French only, in accordance with the proposal by the IRU;
- (b) to introduce a new Article 1 (r) in accordance with the proposal by the IRU, but to delete the words “and to centrally print and distribute TIR Carnets”;
- (c) not to adopt a proposal for the introduction of a new Article 1 (s) on a definition of the TIR Carnet and the use of data in electronic format, but to deal with this issue within the context of the eTIR Project;
- (d) not to amend the text of Article 3 (b);
- (e) not to amend Article 4. However, the Working Party requested the secretariat to prepare a draft comment for discussion at its forthcoming session, which should clarify that Customs should not require any payment or deposit of import or export duties and taxes as long as the goods were en route;
- (f) to amend the text of Article 6.2bis in accordance with the proposal by the IRU, but to delete the words “and to centrally print and distribute TIR Carnets” in the first phrase and to reformulate the first part of the second phrase to read as follows: “ The Administrative Committee may revoke the authorization if ...etc.”;

- (g) to amend the text of Article 8, paragraph 1 in accordance with the proposal by the IRU;
- (h) not to amend the text of the existing comments to Article 8, paragraph 1;
- (i) not to delete Article 8, paragraph 2;
- (j) to amend the text of Explanatory Note 0.8.3. so that it would refer to Contracting Parties instead of Customs authorities and to the amount of sixty thousand euros instead of fifty thousand United States dollars. In addition, the Working Party decided that a reference to a regular review due to fluctuations in the exchange rate should be introduced into the text;
- (k) to amend the text of Explanatory Note 0.8.5. in accordance with the proposal by the IRU, but to delete the words “established against the person or persons directly liable and a claim is subsequently”;
- (l) to replace in Article 10, paragraph 2 the word “country” by “ Contracting Party”;
- (m) to amend the Explanatory Note to Article 10, paragraph 2 in accordance with the proposal by the European Community;
- (n) not to adopt the proposal by the IRU to introduce a new Explanatory Note 0.10-3, but to deal with this issue within the context of the eTIR Project;
- (o) to amend the text of Article 11, paragraph 1 in accordance with the proposal by the Russian Federation. However the phrase “The notification of the guaranteeing association shall be made” should be replaced by the phrase “The competent authorities shall notify the guaranteeing association”. The observer from the IRU expressed the view that in accepting this proposal the Working Party diverted from a previous decision taken at its eighty-eight session (TRANS/WP.30/176, paras 32-37). The Chairperson reminded the IRU that, since then, more than ten years had elapsed and that the Working Party was entitled, whenever the occasion arose to assess or re-assess its position. According to the representative from one Contracting Party the decision of the eighty-eight session provided Contracting Parties full flexibility to adopt the text as proposed by the Russian Federation;
- (p) to amend the text of Explanatory Note 0.11-1 in accordance with the various amendment proposals;
- (q) not to amend the comment to Article 11, paragraph 1 on the time limit for notification;
- (r) not to accept the proposal by the IRU for the introduction of Explanatory Note 0.11-1(b);
- (s) to amend the text of Article 11, paragraph 2 in accordance with the proposal by the European Community and the Russian Federation.

28. The Working Party may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/11 prepared by the secretariat and containing a compact overview of the various, still outstanding, proposals, starting with the proposed amendments to the Explanatory Note to Article 11, paragraph 2. Within the context of its discussions, the Working Party may also wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/12 submitted by the IRU and containing its impact

estimate on the financial stability of the international guarantee chain in relation to amendment proposals contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/1. Furthermore, in order to facilitate its work, the secretariat, at the request of the Working Party, prepared document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/13 containing a concise overview of all preliminary adopted amendments as part of the complete legal text of the TIR Convention in all three official UNECE languages. Finally, the Working Party may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/14, prepared by the secretariat and containing clarifications on the application of Article 4 of the Convention.

(c) Application of the Convention

(i) Control system for TIR Carnets - IRU SafeTIR

29. The Working Party may wish to be informed by the IRU about developments concerning the issue, including an update of the Cutewise application regarding the invalidation of TIR Carnets.

(ii) Settlement of claims for payments

30. The Working Party may wish to be informed by Customs authorities and the IRU of the present situation with regard to the settlement of claims for payments made by Customs authorities against national guaranteeing associations.

(iii) Review of Annex 10 of the Convention

31. The Working Party may wish to recall that, at its one-hundred-and-eighteenth session, it had decided as part of its work programme for 2008 to review Annex 10 of the Convention on an international EDI control system for TIR Carnets (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/236, Annex). The Working Party may wish to hold first considerations how to conduct such review and assess which aspects of the functioning of Annex 10 may require particular attention. Within the context of this issue, the Working Party may wish to consult with the TIRExB, which has included the monitoring of the application of the EDI control system for TIR Carnets as part of its programme of work for the years 2007-2008.

(iv) TIR Handbook

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/15; 2007 TIR Handbook⁵

32. The TIR Handbook contains the text of the Convention and its annexes, including the amendments to the Convention and Explanatory Notes, as well as all relevant comments adopted by the Working Party and the Administrative Committee.

33. The 2007 version of the Handbook is available in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish language versions in hard copy, CD-ROM and in electronic version for

⁵ <<http://tir.unece.org>>.

download from the UNECE TIR web site. Hard copies and CD-ROM's can be obtained from the secretariat.

34. The Working Party may wish to recall that at its one-hundred-and-eighteenth session, the IRU had requested, and the secretariat had confirmed, that the next version of the TIR Handbook would take account of the entry into force of Annex 10 of the Convention (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/236, para. 32). In order to facilitate this work, the secretariat prepared document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008.15, containing proposals to update Chapter 5 of the TIR Handbook (Examples of best practices) for consideration and, possibly, approval by the Working Party.

(v) Other matters

35. The Working Party may wish to consider any other issues and difficulties in the application of the Convention faced by Customs authorities, national associations, the international insurers or the IRU.

Item 9 Prevention of the abuse of Customs Transit Systems by smugglers

36. As in the past, the Working Party may wish, on a restricted basis, to exchange views concerning any special cases, devices and facilities used to abuse the TIR transit system.

37. The Working Party has, at its previous sessions, invited all Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention, 1975, and the World Customs Organization (WCO) to transmit all relevant information on such cases so that it could take the necessary steps, falling within its competence and mandate, to prevent such occurrences (TRANS/WP.30/127, paras. 55-57).

38. The Working Party may wish to be briefed by the secretariat of information received and exchanged by means of the use of the Fraud Report Form (FRF). Contracting Parties are encouraged to use the FRF with a view to contributing to combat fraud committed against the TIR system.

Item 10 Resolutions and recommendations

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/16

39. The Working Party may wish to recall that at its one-hundred-and-eighteenth session, it had decided that, as part of programme of work for the year 2008, it would start a periodic review of resolutions adopted by the Working Party with a view to confirming their usefulness and implementation as well as adopting modifications where deemed necessary (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/236, Annex)

40. In order to facilitate this work, the Working Party may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2008/16 prepared by the secretariat and containing an overview of resolutions and recommendations adopted by the Group of Experts on Customs Questions affecting Transport (GE.30) and the Working Party. The Working Party is invited to provide guidance to the secretariat on how it wishes to pursue this issue at future sessions.

Item 11 Other business

(a) Dates of the next sessions

41. The Working Party may wish to decide on the dates of its next sessions.

42. The secretariat has already scheduled the one-hundred-and-twentieth session of the Working Party to be held in the week from 6 to 10 October 2008, in conjunction with the forty-sixth session of the TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2) and, possibly, the ninth session of the Administrative Committee for the "Harmonization Convention" (AC.3) and the one-hundred-and-twenty-first session from 2 to 6 February 2009, in conjunction with the forty-seventh session of the TIR Administrative Committee (subject to confirmation).

43. The Working Party will be informed about the exact dates for the one-hundred-and-twenty-first session at the present session.

(b) Restriction on the distribution of documents

44. The Working Party should decide whether there shall be any restrictions with respect to the distribution of documents issued in connection with its current session.

Item 12 Adoption of the report

45. In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report on its one-hundred-and-nineteenth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat. Given the present resource restrictions with regard to translation facilities, parts of the final report may not be available at the session for adoption in all working languages.
