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ATTENDANCE

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- 1. The Administrative Committee held its thirty-second session at Geneva on 14 and 15 February 2002.
- 2. The session was attended by representatives of the following Contracting Parties: Azerbaijan; Belarus; Belgium; Czech Republic; Denmark; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Italy; Lithuania; Netherlands; Norway; Poland; Romania; Russian Federation; Slovakia; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Turkey; Ukraine; United Kingdom; Yugoslavia; European Community (EC).
- 3. The following international organization was represented as observer: International Road Transport Union (IRU).
- 4. The Administrative Committee noted that the required quorum according to Annex 8, Article 6 of the Convention has been attained.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Documentation: TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/64.

- 5. The Administrative Committee adopted the agenda prepared by the UNECE secretariat (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/64).
- 6. The Administrative Committee reiterated that, in accordance with Annex 8, Article 1 of the Convention, competent administrations of States referred to in Article 52, paragraph 1 of the Convention which were not Contracting Parties to the Convention or representatives of international organizations could participate as observers in its sessions.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

7. In accordance with Annex 8, Article 3 of the Convention and in line with established practice, the Administrative Committee elected Mr. O. Fedorov (Ukraine) as Chairman and Mr. R. Sen (Turkey) as Vice-Chairman.

STATUS OF THE TIR CONVENTION, 1975

<u>Documentation</u>: Informal document No. 2 (2002); TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/64, annex 1; ECE/TRANS/17/Amend.19/Rev.1; ECE/TRANS/17/Amend.20.

- 8. The Administrative Committee noted that the Convention had currently 64 Contracting Parties, including the European Community.
- 9. The Administrative endorsed the list of Contracting Parties to the Convention as well as the list of countries with which a TIR transit operation could be established as contained in Annex 1 to this report.
- 10. The complete text of the amendments to the Convention that have entered into force on 17 February 1999 under Phase I of the TIR revision process is contained in document ECE/TRANS/17/Amend.19/Rev.1 (English, French, Russian and Spanish). Amendments with regard to vehicles and containers with sliding sheets, that have entered into force on 12 June 2001 as indicated in Depositary Notifications C.N.503.2001-TREATIES-4 and C.N.688.2001.TREATIES-4, including corrections thereto, are contained in document ECE/TRANS/17/Amend.20 (English, French, Russian and Spanish). The complete text of the amendments to the Convention adopted under Phase II of the TIR revision process as well as the amendment to Article 3 that will come into force on 12 May 202 are contained in document ECE/TRANS/17/Amend.21 and ECE/TRANS/17/Amend.22 respectively.
- 11. Detailed information on the status and the functioning of the Convention, including the complete and permanently updated text of the Convention is available on the UNECE TIR web site (www.unece.org/trans/new_tir/welctir.htm).
- 12. The representative of the IRU informed the Administrative Committee that it was foreseen that the number of TIR Carnets to be used in the year 2002 would be in the order of 2.3 million.

ACTIVITIES AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TIR EXECUTIVE BOARD (TIREXB)

(a) Activities of the TIREXB

Report by the Chairman of the TIRExB

<u>Documentation</u>: Informal Document No. 1 (2002); TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2001/5; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2001/1; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/55; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/1999/3.

- 13. In accordance with Annex 8, Article 11, paragraph 4 of the Convention and in line with the decision of the Administrative Committee, taken at its twenty-seventh session (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/55, paras. 14 and 15), the UNECE secretariat has made available an advance copy of the report of the eleventh session of the TIRExB (English only) (Informal document No. 1 (2002). The Chairman of the TIRExB reported on the outcome of the twelfth session of the TIRExB (10 and 11 January 2002) and on recent activities which had been undertaken by the TIRExB on the interpretation of legal provisions, issues relating to the practical application of the Convention and the functioning of the international guarantee system. All adopted reports of the TIRExB are available at and can be down-loaded from the UNECE TIR web site (www.unece.org/trans/new_tir/welctir.htm).
- 14. The Administrative Committee approved the activities of the TIRExB.

(b) Administration of the TIRExB

(i) Approval of the final accounts for the year 2001

<u>Documentation</u>: Informal document No. 3 (2002); TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2001/3; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2001/10; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/63; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/59.

15. The Administrative Committee recalled, that, in accordance with Annex 8, Article 11, paragraph 4 of the Convention, the TIRExB shall submit audited accounts to the Administrative Committee at least once a year or at the request of the Administrative Committee. Furthermore, the agreement concluded between the IRU and the UNECE for the year 2001 on the transfer of funds to the TIR Trust Fund, established by the UNECE in accordance with a decision of the Administrative Committee (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/59, para. 42), provides for the submission of an annual report to the IRU (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2001/3).

- 16. The Administrative Committee also recalled that, in order to provide full transparency about the functioning and financing of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat, the UNECE secretariat has provided the Administrative Committee, at its thirty-first session (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/63, paras. 34 and 36), with an overview of the financial situation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat as of 31 July 2001 together with an estimate on the expenses foreseen for the remainder of 2001 (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2001/10). The TIR Secretary informed the Administrative Committee that the above estimated expenses for the operation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat in the year 2001 had proved to be correct.
- 17. As the final accounts for 2001 had been established by the competent Finance Services of the United Nations on 13 February 2002 only (Informal document No.3 (2002), the Administrative Committee was only in a position to take note of these accounts and to approve them, as in the past, in principle. The complete and final accounts for the year 2001 will be transmitted, as in the past, to the October session of the Administrative Committee for formal approval.
- 18. In this context, the Administrative Committee noted that the accounts of the TIR Trust Fund are exclusively subject to the internal and external auditing procedures laid down in the Financial Regulations, Rules and Directives of the United Nations and will be audited according to the schedule set by the United Nations Board of Auditors.

(ii) Budget and cost plan for the year 2002

<u>Documentation</u>: TRANS/2002/16; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2001/11 and Corr.1; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/63.

- 19. The Administrative Committee recalled that the budget and the cost plan for the operation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat for the year 2002 has been approved by the Administrative Committee at its thirty-first session on the basis of a proposal made by the TIR Secretary (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/63, paras. 37-40; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2001/11 and Corr.1).
- 20. The required funds for the operation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat for the year 2002 have been transmitted by the International Road Transport Union (IRU) to the TIR Trust Fund on 15 November 2001.

21. In this context, the Administrative Committee took note of a document prepared by the UNECE secretariat for the sixty-fourth session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) (18-21 February 2002) (TRANS/2002/16) recommending the ITC to endorse the request of the TIR Administrative Committee to have the cost of the operation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat included into the Regular Budget of the United Nations as of the next budget cycle (2004-2005).

AUTHORIZATION FOR PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF TIR CARNETS

(a) Printing and distribution of TIR Carnets in the year 2002

<u>Documentation</u>: TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2002/1; TRANS/WP.30/63; TRANS/WP.30/61; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2001/3.

- 22. The Administrative Committee noted that, following the conclusion of the required Amendment to the Agreement between the IRU and the UNECE as mandated by the Administrative Committee at its thirty-first session (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/63, para. 46) and the fulfilment of the relevant conditions by 15 November 2001 (see para. 20 above), the IRU is authorized to print and distribute TIR Carnets in the year 2002.
- 23. The Administrative Committee endorsed the Amendment to the UNECE-IRU Agreement concluded on 7 and 8 November 2001 as contained in document TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2002/1. The complete text of the underlying UNECE-IRU Agreement covering the period 2001-2005, as endorsed by the Administrative Committee at its thirtieth session, is contained in document TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2001/3 (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/61, para. 34).

(b) <u>Authorization for printing and distribution of TIR Carnets in the year 2003</u>

Documentation: TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/57; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/53.

24. The Administrative Committee recalled that, in accordance with Annex 8, Article 10 (b) of the Convention, the TIRExB shall supervise the centralized printing and distribution to the national associations of TIR Carnets which may be performed by an agreed international organization as referred to in Article 6 of the Convention.

- 25. In this context, the Administrative Committee recalled the decision, taken at its twenty-eighth session, to authorize the IRU to centrally print and distribute TIR Carnets for a period of five years as of the year 2001 and to finance, as long as its expenses were not covered by the Regular Budget of the United Nations, the operation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/57, para. 29). Since the Secretary-General of the IRU, in a communication to the UNECE secretariat dated 22 March 2000, has declared that the IRU accepted this authorization, the Administrative Committee, in accordance with its decision taken at its twenty-sixth session (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/53, para. 20), confirmed its authorization given to the IRU to centrally print and distribute TIR Carnets for the year 2003 and until the year 2005.
- 26. The Administrative Committee stressed in this context that, in accordance with the new Article 6, paragraph 2 <u>bis</u> of the Convention coming into force on 12 May 2002, the IRU would need to accept also responsibility for the effective organization and functioning of the international TIR guarantee system. In the view of the UNECE secretariat, a first test in this respect would be the re-establishment of full insurance coverage on the territory of the European Community for all categories of goods, except those requiring the use of the Tobacco/Alcohol TIR Carnet, as had been requested on various occasions by the UNECE Working Party (WP.30) and the TIRExB (TRANS/WP.30/198, paras. 80 and 83).

REVISION OF THE CONVENTION

(a) Implementation of Phase I of the TIR revision process

<u>Documentation</u>: TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/63; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2000/5; ECE/TRANS/17/Amend.19/Rev.1.

27. The Administrative Committee stressed once more that all Contracting Parties and all other parties involved in the TIR procedure were expected to fully comply with the provisions of the Convention, including those that had come into force on 17 February 1999 under Phase I of the TIR revision process. These provisions stipulate <u>inter alia</u> that the following information has to be transmitted to the TIR Executive Board (TIRExB) (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/63, paras. 48-52) (refer also to TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2000/5):

International guarantee system

- (a) A certified copy of the written agreement or any other legal document between the competent authorities (Customs) and the national associations as well as any modifications thereto (Deadline: as soon as possible);
- (b) A certified copy of the insurance or financial guarantee contract as well as any modifications thereto (Deadline: as soon as possible);
- (c) A copy of the (annually to be renewed) insurance certificate (Deadline: as soon as possible. The IRU will also provide annually a list of associations having obtained insurance coverage).

Controlled access to the TIR procedure

- (a) The particulars of each person authorized by the competent authorities to use TIR Carnets or whose authorization has been withdrawn (Deadline: within one week);
- (b) A complete and updated list of <u>all</u> persons authorized by the competent authorities to use TIR Carnets or whose authorization has been withdrawn (Deadline: as per 31 December each year and as soon as possible);
- (c) The particulars of each person excluded from the operation of the Convention in accordance with Article 38 (Deadline: within one week).

National control measures

The details of any national control measures planned to be undertaken by competent national authorities in accordance with Article 42 bis (Deadline: as soon as possible).

28. The Administrative Committee noted that the TIRExB can be reached at the following address: TIR Executive Board (TIRExB), Office 410, Palais des Nations, CH-1210 Geneva; Fax: +41-22-917-0039 or +41-22-917-0614; E-mail: tirexb@unece.org.

(b) Adoption of amendment proposals under Phase II of the TIR revision process

<u>Documentation</u>: Depositary Notification C.N.123.2002.TREATIES-3; Depositary Notification C.N.142.2002.TREATIES-1; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/59.

- 29. The Administrative Committee recalled that, at its twenty-ninth session, it had adopted the complete package of amendment proposals under Phase II of the TIR revision process which had been prepared by the UNECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30). These amendment proposals are contained in Annex 3 to the report of the twenty-ninth session of the Administrative Committee together with comments thereto which are contained in Annex 5 to this report (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/59, para. 46).
- 30. The Administrative Committee was informed by the UNECE secretariat that no objections have been raised to the amendment proposals pertaining to Phase II of the TIR revision process (refer to Depositary Notification C.N.36.2001.TREATIES-1) and will thus come into force on 12 May 2002. Also no objections have been raised to the amendment proposals to Article 3 of the Convention (refer to Depositary Notification C.N.37.2001.TREATIES-2) which will also come into force on 12 May 2002. The relevant Depositary Notifications C.N.123.2002.TREATIES-3 issued on 13 February 2002 and C.N.142.2002.TREATIES-1 issued on 19 February 2002 by the Legal Office of the United Nations in New York, will be placed on the UNECE TIR web site (www.unece.org/trans/new_tir/welctir.htm) and will be transmitted to all TIR Focal Points. The consolidated amendments of Phase II of the TIR revision process will be issued by the UNECE secretariat in due course as document ECE/TRANS/17/Amend.21. Those relating to Article 3 of the Convention will be issued as document ECE/TRANS/17/Amend.22.
- 31. The Administrative Committee also recalled that, at its twenty-ninth session, it had endorsed examples of best practices relating to the amended provisions of the Convention as had been prepared by the UNECE Working Party. These examples of best practices are contained in annex 7 to the report on its twenty-ninth session (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/59, para. 47).
- 32. In this context, the Administrative Committee welcomed the offer of the Government of Greece to host a session of the TIR Contact Group in Athens (22 and 23 April 2002) to discuss in particular the application of the amended provisions of the Convention under Phase II of the TIR revision process.

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

Documentation: TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/61; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/59.

33. The Administrative Committee was informed of progress made in the preparation of Phase III of the TIR revision process within the UNECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), particularly with regard to the computerization of the TIR procedure. It took note of the results of a first session of an informal ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure that was held in Geneva on 24 and 25 January 2002. The documents discussed as well as the report of this meeting are available on the UNECE web site (WP.30 – Ad Hoc Groups) (www.unece.org/trans/new_tir/home.htm).

OTHER PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION

34. The Administrative Committee noted that no other proposals for amendments to the Convention have been submitted.

APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION

(a) Introduction of new TIR Carnet forms

Documentation: TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/63.

- 35. The Administrative Committee recalled that, at its thirty-first session, it had endorsed the decisions of the TIRExB to allow for the introduction of new TIR Carnet forms which contained the same information and basic lay-out as the present TIR Carnet, but introduced a number of new security elements (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/63, paras. 21 and 22). The TIR secretariat had distributed to all TIR Focal Points detailed descriptions of the present ("red") and new ("blue") TIR Carnets, including all of its security elements. Detailed information in this respect is also available on the UNECE TIR web site for authorized TIR Focal Points (www.unece.org/trans/new_tir/welctir.htm).
- 36. The Administrative Committee noted with satisfaction that, so far, no problems had arisen with regard to the introduction of the new TIR Carnets and thanked the TIR secretariat and the IRU for the successful information campaign made in this respect.

(b) <u>Identification (ID) number of the TIR Carnet holder</u>

Documentation: TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/59, annex 2.

- 37. The Administrative Committee recalled that, at its twenty-ninth session, it had adopted, as an interim measure, a recommendation on the introduction of an identification (ID) number of the TIR Carnet holder in the TIR Carnet, including relevant coding lists for Contracting Parties and national associations (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/59, annex 2).
- 38. The Administrative Committee noted that the TIR secretariat had provided clarifications on the use of the ID number to all TIR Focal Points to ensure that each approved TIR transport operator has been assigned a unique number, thus facilitating inquiry procedures and/or national control measures by Customs authorities.

(c) Road vehicles considered as heavy or bulky goods

<u>Documentation</u>: TRANS/WP.30/200; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2002/2; TRANS/WP.30/198; TRANS/WP.30/2001/20.

- 39. The Administrative Committee recalled that, at its twenty-ninth session, it had adopted a comment on the application of the newly adopted Article 3 of the Convention concerning road vehicles considered as heavy or bulky goods (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/59, paras. 61-62 and annex 6). Following the adoption of this comment, Estonia had submitted a proposal for modifications to be made to this comment (TRANS/WP.30/2001/20). Upon invitation of the TIR Administrative Committee (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/61, para. 53), the UNECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) considered this proposal, but did not come to a final decision (TRANS/WP.30/198, paras. 95-98).
- 40. On the basis of a secretariat note (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2002/2) and bearing in mind the imminent entry into force of the new Article 3 of the Convention, the Administrative Committee took note of the deliberations on this matter by the UNECE Working Party, at its one-hundredth session (TRANS/WP.30/200, para. 72). It endorsed the slightly revised comment adopted by the Working Party as contained in Annex 2 of the report on the understanding that the Working Party would continue to search for a solution to overcome the practical and legal problems arising from the simultaneous TIR transport of normal as well as of heavy and bulky goods.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY OF TIR FOCAL POINTS

Documentation: International Directory of TIR Focal Points (restricted).

- 41. The Administrative Committee noted that, in accordance with resolution No. 49, the secretariat has established and maintains an international directory of TIR Focal Points that could be addressed in case of inquiries in relation to the TIR procedure. The directory contains names and addresses of persons as well as other useful information on Customs administrations and national associations dealing with the TIR procedure. The distribution of the directory is restricted to Customs authorities, national associations and the TIR Department of the IRU.
- 42. A new hard-cover version of the directory has been made available at the session. The permanently updated directory of TIR Focal Points may be consulted on the UNECE TIR web site (www.unece.org/trans/new_tir/welctir.htm). The required password for access to these restricted web pages may be obtained from the secretariat.

TIR HANDBOOK

Documentation: UNECE Publication.

- 43. Following the entry into force of the amendment package under Phase II of the TIR revision process on 12 May 2002, a new updated version of the TIR Handbook will be issued by the secretariat in an electronic format (www.unece.org/trans/new_tir/welctir.htm) as well as in a hard-copy version.
- 44. The TIR Handbook contains the latest amendments to the Convention as well as all relevant comments adopted by the UNECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) and the TIR Administrative Committee. Hard-copy versions of the TIR Handbook are available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish. A limited number of such copies may be obtained free of charge from the secretariat.

TIR WEB SITE

Documentation: www.unece.org/trans/new_tir/welctir.htm.

- 45. The Administrative Committee noted that the TIR secretariat, with the support of the UNECE secretariat, maintains a TIR web site which provides up-to-date information on the administration and application of the TIR Convention (www.unece.org/trans/new_tir/welctir.htm). The site contains in particular the complete text of the TIR Handbook in various language versions and the latest information on national and international control measures introduced by Customs authorities as well as detailed information on all TIR Focal Points who may be contacted regarding questions on the application of the Convention at the national level.
- 46. The related UNECE web site also contains all documents and reports issued in connection with the sessions of the TIR Administrative Committee and the UNECE Working Party WP.30 and its group of experts (www.unece.org/trans/new_tir/home.html). These documents may be viewed and downloaded (PDF format) in English, French and Russian.

OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Date of next session

47. The Administrative Committee decided to hold its next session on 24 and 25 October 2002, in conjunction with the one-hundred-and-second session of the UNECE Working Party (WP.30).

(b) Restriction on the distribution of documents

48. The Administrative Committee decided that there should be no restriction with respect to the distribution of documents issued in connection with its current session, with the exception of the International Directory of TIR Focal Points.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

49. In accordance with Annex 8, Article 7 of the Convention, the Administrative Committee adopted the report on its thirty-second session on the basis of a draft prepared by the UNECE secretariat.

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Annex 1

STATUS OF THE TIR CONVENTION, 1975

<u>Contracting Parties</u> <u>Countries with which a TIR transit</u>

operation can be established */

Afghanistan

Albania Albania

Algeria -

Armenia Armenia
Austria Austria
Azerbaijan Azerbaijan
Belarus Belgium Belgium

Bosnia and Herzegovina -

Bulgaria Bulgaria

Canada Chile -

Croatia Croatia Cyprus Cyprus

Czech Republic Czech Republic Denmark Denmark Estonia Estonia Finland Finland France France Georgia Georgia Germany Germany Greece Greece Hungary Hungary

Indonesia -

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

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Ireland Ireland
Israel Israel
Italy Italy
Jordan Jordan
Kazakhstan Kazakhstan
Kuwait Kuwait

^{*/} Based on information provided by the IRU

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Contracting Parties

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Countries with which a TIR transit

operation can be established (cont'd) */

Kyrgyzstan Kyrgyzstan Latvia Latvia Lebanon Lebanon Lithuania Lithuania Luxembourg Luxembourg

Malta

Morocco Morocco Netherlands Netherlands Norway Norway Poland Poland Portugal Portugal

Republic of Korea

Republic of Moldova Republic of Moldova

Romania Romania

Russian Federation Russian Federation

Slovakia Slovakia Slovenia Slovenia Spain Spain Sweden Sweden Switzerland Switzerland

Syrian Arab Republic Syrian Arab Republic

Tajikistan

The former Yugoslav Republic The former Yugoslav Republic

of Macedonia of Macedonia

Tunisia Tunisia Turkey Turkey Turkmenistan Turkmenistan Ukraine Ukraine

United Kingdom United Kingdom

United States of America

Uruguay

Uzbekistan Uzbekistan Yugoslavia Yugoslavia

European Community

*/ Based on information provided by the IRU

Annex 2

COMMENT

FOR INCLUSION INTO THE TIR HANDBOOK

Adopted by the TIR Administrative Committee on 15 February 2002

Replace the existing comment to Article 3 by the following comment:

"Road vehicles considered as heavy or bulky goods

If road vehicles or special vehicles regarded themselves as heavy or bulky goods are carrying other heavy or bulky goods so that both vehicle and goods at the same time fulfil the conditions set forth in Chapter III (c) of the Convention, only one TIR Carnet is needed bearing at the cover and all vouchers of the TIR Carnet the endorsement set forth in Article 32 of the Convention. If such vehicles are carrying normal goods in the load compartment or in containers, the vehicle or the containers must be previously approved under the conditions set forth in Chapter III (a) and the load compartment or the containers have to be sealed.

The provisions of Article 3 (a) (iii) of the Convention apply in the case of road vehicles or special vehicles being exported from the country where the Customs office of departure is located and being imported into another country where the Customs office of destination is located. In this case, the provisions of Article 15 of the Convention referring to the temporary importation of a road vehicle are not applicable. Thus, Customs documents in respect of temporary importation of such vehicles are not required. {TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/59, annex 6; TRANS/WP.30/200, para. 72; TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/65, annex 2}".

Add the same comment to Article 29.