International Conventions for Seamless Transit

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## Growth, transit, facilitation and compliance

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How to implement the WTO TFA?
The **TIR** system

...the only global transit system

- An important **facilitation tool** for international trade and transport
  - Based on the TIR Conventions, 1975
  - 70 Contracting Parties
  - Intermodal
Example of a TIR transport

1 Customs office of departure (Minsk)

1 Customs office of destination (Barcelona)

1 intermediate Customs office of departure (Kiev)

2 Border crossings

1 TIR transport (1 Guarantee)

1..4 TIR operations

3 Customs territories

7 Countries
The 5 pillars of the TIR system

- Secure vehicles or containers
- International guarantee
- TIR Carnet
- Mutual recognition of customs controls
- Controlled access

1975
Geographical scope

Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention, of 1975
Administrative structure

**United Nations**
- TIR Secretary
  - TIR secretariat
- UNECE Working Party 30 (WP.30)

**TIR Convention**
- TIR Executive Board (TIRExB)
- TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2)

**International organization (IRU)**

**Countries**
- **Country A**
  - National association
    - Government
- **Country B**
  - National association
    - Government
- **Country C**
  - National association
    - Government

**Legend**
- Public Sector
- Private Sector
The eTIR project: from theory to practice

• Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1)

• eTIR pilot projects
  – Georgia-Turkey
  – Iran-Turkey

• Group of Experts on Legal Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.2)
  – Works on the legal provisions
UNECE-ESCAP Collaborations on TIR

58 Contracting Parties
Harmonization Convention

Objective and scope

To facilitate cross border transport of goods through nationally coordinated, internationally harmonized, shorter, reduced formalities and controls of goods at borders

It covers:
- All goods moved across borders (exported, imported or in transit)
- All control services
- All modes of transport
- Specific provisions for certain transport modes and goods
- Also addresses certain issues with regard to vehicles and drivers
Thank you

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