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Revision of the Convention:

**Amendment proposals to the Convention
transmitted by the Working Party**

Amendment to Article 18 of the TIR Convention

Note by the secretariat

I. Introduction

1. At its sixty-seventh session (February 2018), the Committee considered document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2018/3, containing both the Russian and TIRExB proposals to amend Article 18, together with the considerations of the Board. Unable to find consensus on the Russian proposal, the Committee moved to the proposal by TIRExB. However, the Committee also felt that the TIRExB proposal contained certain flaws which prevented it from adopting the text. In a constructive attempt to find a compromise, the Committee finally agreed that the provisional text of the new Article 18 should be amended with the first paragraph of the intended E.N. 0.18-3 slightly reworded, including the text in the square brackets. Paragraph 2 of draft E.N. 0.18-3 would be renumbered to become paragraph 1, whereas the term “Contracting Parties” would be replaced by “customs authorities”. At the request of the Committee, the secretariat agreed to prepare an informal document for the forthcoming session of the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) in the three languages, where Contracting Parties would have an opportunity to informally discuss the proposal, which could then subsequently be put forward to the October 2018 session of the Committee (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/137, para. 31).

2. At its 149th session (June 2018), the Working Party informally discussed, at the request of the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention, 1975 (AC.2), Informal document WP.30 (2018) No. 7 containing proposals to amend Article 18 to increase the number of places of loading or unloading to a maximum of eight and its accompanying Explanatory Note 0.18.3. obliging Contracting Parties to make any limitation in the

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application of the said article publicly available, and to TIRExB. Subject to a small correction in the Russian text, delegations could agree with the text proposal and requested the secretariat to table the proposals for final consideration at the next session of AC.2 (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/298, para. 33).

II. Considerations by the Committee

3. The Committee is invited to consider and, possibly, adopt the proposal, contained in annex.

Annex

Proposal to amend Article 18

"Article 18

A TIR transport may involve several Customs offices of departure and destination, but the total number of Customs offices of departure and destination shall not exceed eight. The TIR Carnet may only be presented to Customs offices of destination if all Customs offices of departure have accepted the TIR Carnet.

Customs authorities may limit the maximum number of customs offices of departure (or destination) on their territory to less than seven but not less than three.

Explanatory Note 0.18-3

0.18-3 Contracting Parties shall make information on such limitations publicly available and inform the TIR Executive Board, including by means of the proper use of electronic applications developed to this end by the TIR secretariat under the supervision of the TIR Executive Board.”
