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**REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE  
TIR CONVENTION, 1975 ON ITS THIRTY-NINTH SESSION  
(6 October 2005)**

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## REPORT

### ATTENDANCE

1. The Administrative Committee held its thirty-ninth session on 6 and 7 October 2005 in Geneva.
2. The session was attended by representatives of the following countries: Austria; Azerbaijan; Belarus; Belgium; Bulgaria; Czech Republic; Denmark; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Italy; Jordan; Latvia; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Netherlands; Poland; Republic of Moldova; Romania; Russian Federation; Serbia and Montenegro; Slovakia; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Turkey; United Kingdom. Representatives of the European Community (EC) were also present.
3. The following non-governmental 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.2/78](#); [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/69/Corr.3](#).

Mandate and background: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/78](#), point 1.

5. The Administrative Committee adopted the agenda as prepared by the UNECE secretariat ([TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/78](#)) with the following additions:
  - Point 8 of the agenda, question concerning application of the Convention raised by the delegation of Switzerland;
  - Point 11 of the agenda, layout of the TIR Carnet raised by the IRU.
6. The Committee recalled that, at its thirty-eighth session, it decided to postpone the consideration of the question of the appointment of the TIR Secretary based on the report of its thirty-fourth session, awaiting the availability in all official languages of the UNECE of the corrigenda to the report. The Working Party noted the availability of document [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/69/Corr.3](#) and endorsed the report of the thirty-fourth session.

7. The German delegation recalled the outstanding question concerning the right of participation by the Administrative Committee (co-decision) in the appointment by the UNECE of the TIR Secretary as mentioned during the thirty-fourth session of the Committee ([TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/69](#), para. 7ter). Therefore, the German delegation proposed that the Committee should consider and agree on the requirement for a co-decision for the appointment of the TIR Secretary to be taken within a yet to be determined setting, and then, if required, discuss the modalities thereof, for example by means of a comment to Annex 8, Article 12 of the TIR Convention.

8. The Committee decided to revert to the question at its next session.

## **STATUS OF THE TIR CONVENTION, 1975**

Documentation: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/77](#).

Mandate and background: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/78](#), point 2.

9. The Administrative Committee was informed of the situation concerning the geographical scope and the number of the Contracting Parties to the Convention. It noted that the Convention has 66 Contracting Parties and that, according to information provided by the IRU, TIR operations can be established in 55 of these Contracting Parties.

10. The Administrative Committee endorsed the list of Contracting Parties to the Convention, of countries with which a TIR transit operation can be established and of national associations issuing TIR Carnets and providing guarantee coverage as contained in [annex 1](#) to this report.

11. Detailed information on the status of the Convention as well as on the various Depository Notifications is available on the UNECE TIR web site (<http://tir.unece.org/>).

## **ACTIVITIES AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TIR EXECUTIVE BOARD (TIRExB)**

Mandate and background: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/78](#), point 2.

### **(a) Activities of the TIRExB**

#### **(i) Report by the Chairman of the TIRExB**

Documentation: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/21](#); [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/20](#); [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/19](#); [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/6](#).

12. The Chairman of the TIRExB reported on the recent activities of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat as well as on the outcome of the twenty-sixth session of the TIRExB (May 2005).

13. The Administrative Committee endorsed the report of the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sessions of the TIRExB ([TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/6](#) and [19](#)). All adopted reports of the TIRExB are available on the UNECE TIR web site (<http://tir.unece.org/>).

14. The Administrative Committee approved the Programme of Work of the TIRExB for the years 2005-2006, as contained in document [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/20](#).

15. The Administrative Committee took note of document [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/21](#), prepared by the secretariat, containing the results of the survey of Contracting Parties on the application of Annex 9, Part II of the TIR Convention on controlled access to the TIR procedure for natural and legal persons. The Committee felt that a number of replies to the survey gave rise to concern about the proper application of the Convention and invited the TIRExB to consider the elaboration of a set of best practices for the proper application of Annex 9, Part II as well as the need for a possible follow-up at bilateral level with a number of Contracting Parties that had provided replies.

#### **(ii) Identification (ID) number of the TIR Carnet holder and access to the International TIR Data Bank (ITDB)**

Documentation: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/9](#); [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/8](#); [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/7](#); [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2004/17](#); [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2003/2](#); [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2001/13](#).

16. The Administrative Committee noted that the ITDB contains the records of almost 40,000 persons/companies authorized by national Customs authorities to utilize the TIR procedure.

17. The Administrative Committee noted, with satisfaction, that the ITDB Online had been launched in June 2005 and that, in the interim period, more than 400 inquiries had been made to the ITDB Online. The Committee also noted that the ITDB Online now provides information concerning the authorization status of TIR Carnet Holders.

18. The Administrative Committee took note of document [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/7](#), prepared by the secretariat, containing an overview of the status of transmission of documents and data to the secretariat and the ITDB in accordance with the requirements of Annex 9, Part II, paras. 4 and 5. In this context, the Administrative Committee urged all Contracting Parties to respect the requirements for data transmission to the TIR secretariat for authorized persons to the TIR system. The availability and reliability of these data is essential for the proper functioning and sustainability of the Convention, both for Competent authorities and for operators, in particular with the introduction of the ITDB Online. The Committee requested the secretariat to continue to provide it with information on those Contracting Parties not yet respecting the requirements for data transmission and requested the secretariat to re-contact those Contracting Parties that had not yet provided the required information as well as those Contracting Parties, which did not provide information on a regular basis. It also stressed that it is important that Contracting Parties, if at all possible, transmit data in electronic form with a view to ensuring efficient and timely transmission and processing of data. Finally, the Committee also stressed that the information provided to the ITDB should be provided directly from, or, as a minimum, channelled through Customs authorities.

19. The Administrative Committee took note of document [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/8](#), prepared by the secretariat, containing considerations with regard to the issue of including information concerning exclusions according to Article 38 of the Convention in the ITDB. The Committee was informed, orally, of the views of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) on the issue. The Committee requested the secretariat to prepare a document for its forthcoming session in February 2006, containing an overview of the opinion of the OLA and based thereon proposals for consideration by the Committee.

20. Finally, the Administrative Committee considered document [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/9](#), prepared by the secretariat, containing a business analysis of the ITDB Online+ on the possibilities of enabling competent authorities to update "their own" data online in the ITDB. The Committee decided to postpone the consideration concerning this issue, since the document in question had only been made available recently.

**(iii) National and regional TIR workshops and seminars**

21. The Administrative Committee took note of two national TIR Seminars that had been organized in Kyrgyzstan in March 2005 and Azerbaijan in September 2005, respectively as well as a Sub-regional TIR Seminar that had been organized in Beijing (China) in

September 2005 for the benefit of the member and observer countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. The Committee noted that the experiences gained from the Seminars indicate that there are substantial benefits to be gained for the TIR system as a whole if new Contracting Parties establish bilateral partnerships with long standing Contracting Parties, with a view to ensuring the proper application of the Convention. The Committee expressed its support for the establishment for such partnership. The Committee also took note of plans for organizing a national TIR seminar in Kazakhstan at the end of 2005 and tentative plans for organizing regional TIR seminars in 2006 for the countries in the Balkan and the Middle East regions, respectively.

**(b) Financial administration of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat**

**(i) Approval of the final accounts for the year 2004**

Documentation: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/10](#) and [Corr.1](#).

22. The Administrative Committee formally approved the final accounts of the TIRExB for the year 2004 as contained in document [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/10](#).

**(ii) Status report on the accounts for the year 2005**

Documentation: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/11](#).

23. 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.

24. The Administrative Committee took note of the financial situation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat as of 30 July 2005, as contained in document [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/11](#).

25. The Administrative Committee decided to approve the complete and final accounts for 2005 at one of its sessions in 2006, as soon as the accounts would be available.

**(iii) Budget proposal and cost plan for the year 2006**

Documentation: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/17](#); [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/15](#);  
[TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/14](#).

26. The Administrative Committee took note of the budget proposal and cost plan providing for the operation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat in the year 2006 ([TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/14](#)). The Committee noted that UNECE, including all its sub-

programmes had been the object of an audit by the external auditors of the United Nations in the spring of 2005. The results of the audit and the recommendations are contained in a Management Letter to the UNECE Executive Secretary and are confidential until the audit report is presented to the United Nations General Assembly in 2006. Nevertheless, the UNECE has already taken account of the recommendations contained in the audit report pertaining to budgeting principles applied by the UNECE. As a result, the budget proposal and cost plan for the year 2006 have been brought into line with the auditors' recommendations with a view to more precisely reflecting the resource requirements and the reporting requirements. The number of regular Customs and administrative professionals as well as General Service staff constituting the TIR secretariat remain unchanged in the budget proposal for 2006, together with the TIR Secretary, whose costs are borne by the Regular Budget of the UNECE,.

27. In accordance with Annex 8, Article 13 of the Convention, the Administrative Committee approved the budget proposal and cost plan for the operation of the TIRExB for the year 2006 as contained in document [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/14](#), prepared by the TIR Secretary, and adopted by the TIRExB on 4 October 2005. Based on the number of 1.9 million TIR Carnets estimated to be distributed by the international organization in the year 2006, this would represent a levy on each TIR Carnet of US\$ 0.41.

28. The procedure for the transfer of funds from the IRU to the UNECE, as a result of the adoption of the budget for the TIRExB for 2006, have been concluded according to Annex 1 of the Agreement between UNECE and the IRU, which had been provisionally signed by the two parties in advance of the present session of the Committee.

29. In addition to the elements of the audit report mentioned under para. 26 of this report, further recommendations resulting from the audit of the TIR Trust Fund and the UNECE-IRU Agreement, relate to the issue of ensuring the necessary transparency in the financial management of the TIR Trust Fund and the transfer and collection of funds by the IRU as well as a recommendation that the IRU should collect exactly the levy which is decided by the TIR Administrative Committee. The UNECE intends to pursue these recommendations. In this context, wording has already been added to Annex 3 of the UNECE-IRU Agreement obliging the elected external auditor of the IRU, on an annual basis, to provide the UNECE with an audit certificate concerning the IRU funds relating to the transfer of funds and collection of amounts for the operation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat. The UNECE is presently drafting formulations to be included in the Agreement in line with UN and general legal requirements for the collection of the levy decided by the Administrative Committee. It is the intention, after consultations with the IRU, to provide the Administrative Committee with proposals in this respect at the session in February 2006.

30. The Committee took note of document [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/15](#), transmitted by the Dutch Government containing an overview of the levy decided by the Committee, the number of TIR Carnets estimated to be distributed and actually distributed as well as calculations based on these figures for the years 1999 to 2004. The delegate of the Netherlands underlined that the document was intended to contribute to provide more transparency in relation to the financing of the TIRExB and TIR secretariat, since there seemed to have been an oversight on this issue in the past on the part of all parties involved. Finally, the Dutch delegation expressed the view that only the Administrative Committee is competent to decide on the issue of the budget for the TIRExB and the levy on TIR Carnets.

31. The Committee also took note of document [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/17](#), transmitted by the IRU, providing an overview prepared by the elected external auditor of the IRU of the TIR Carnets issued, the funds transferred to the TIR Trust Fund and the amounts collected by the IRU per TIR Carnet for the period 1999 to 2004. The IRU stressed that, in its view, it had followed the procedures stipulated in Annex 8 of the Convention as well as the UNECE-IRU Agreement. It noted that it had agreed to continue the pre-financing of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat beyond the period of 2 years, which had originally been stipulated in Annex 8 of the Convention. The IRU confirmed its intention to continue the constructive partnership for the future and to cooperate with the UNECE to find ways and means of further improving the transparency on this issue.

32. The Administrative Committee noted that the documents presented by the Dutch Government and the IRU should be studied in further detail and decided to revert to the issue at its session in February 2006.

**(iv) Alternative sources of funding for the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat**

33. The Administrative Committee took note of the status of the review of the UNECE. In this context, the Committee noted the proposals made by the negotiation group chaired by the Chairman of the UNECE Commission, Ambassador Roux of Belgium. The Committee noted that the proposals included direct references concerning the strengthening of the activities of the UNECE work on border crossing facilitation and the TIR Convention. In this context, the Committee decided to recommend that all delegations, through their relevant channels, including their representations in Geneva, express strong support for the proposals presented by the negotiation group. In addition, delegates are urged to emphasize the importance of providing the necessary resources for the strengthening of the border crossing and TIR activities with a view to bringing as many of the posts of the TIR secretariat as possible into the regular budget of the UNECE.



## **AUTHORIZATION FOR PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF TIR CARNETS AND THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE GUARANTEE SYSTEM**

Mandate and background: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/78](#), point 4.

34. The Committee recalled that, at its thirty-eighth session, it had, in view of its adoption of the revised Agreement between the UNECE and the IRU, authorized the IRU to centrally print and distribute TIR Carnets and to organize the functioning of the guarantee system for the period 2006-2010 included ([TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/77](#), para. 37). The Committee confirmed the authorization.

## **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNECE AND THE IRU**

Mandate and background: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/78](#), point 5.

35. The Committee recalled, that, at its thirty-eighth session, it had considered and approved, with some minor amendments, the text for a revised draft Agreement between the UNECE and the IRU as contained in document [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/4](#), prepared by the secretariat in cooperation with the IRU and approved by the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs ([TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/77](#), paras. 38-40). The secretariat confirmed that the requested changes had been incorporated in the Agreement and that annexes 1, 2 and 3 had been prepared with a view to providing the details for the transfer of the amounts covering the activities of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat for the year 2006. As mentioned above under para. 29, provisions had also been incorporated in annex 3 of the Agreement concerning the reporting by the external auditor of the IRU to the UNECE concerning the funds transferred and collected as a result of the Agreement. On this basis, the UNECE-IRU Agreement had been provisionally signed awaiting the decision by the TIR Administrative Committee concerning the budget of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat for 2006.

36. The Committee took note of the information provided by the secretariat.

## REVISION OF THE CONVENTION

Mandate and background: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/78](#), point 6.

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

37. The Administrative Committee reiterated that it was essential, for the proper application of the Convention, that Contracting Parties transmitted information about the implementation of the Convention and amendments thereto to the secretariat.

### (b) **Implementation of Phase II of the TIR revision process**

Documentation: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/13](#).

38. The Administrative Committee took note of document [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/13](#), prepared by the secretariat, containing an overview of implementation of the amendments under Phase II of the TIR revision process at the national level. In view of the fact that, so far, only 15 Contracting Parties had provided the requested information, the Committee urged delegations to provide the secretariat, as soon as possible, with any additional information on this issue.

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

Documentation: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/18](#).

39. The Administrative Committee noted that document [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/18](#), prepared by the secretariat, containing the reference model for part I of the eTIR project had not yet been translated into all 3 official languages of the UNECE. The Committee, therefore, decided to postpone the discussion of this document until its forthcoming session in February 2006.

## PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION

Mandate and background: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/78](#), point 7.

### (a) **Authorization and responsibilities of the International Organization**

40. The Administrative Committee considered proposals contained in annex 2 to the provisional agenda regarding the addition of two new Explanatory Notes to Article 6.2**bis** and Annex 8, Article 10 (b) concerning the authorization and responsibility of the international organizations for the printing and distribution of TIR Carnet as well as the organization of the international chain of guarantee. The Committee unanimously adopted the amendments, with the provision that the appropriate references to Annex 6 of the Convention as well as the

numbering of the Explanatory Notes be included in the adopted text. The Administrative Committee took note of the requirements according to Article 60 of the Convention concerning adoptions and amendments to annexes of the Convention and decided to fix the deadline for objections to the two amendments to 12 May 2006 and, in case no objections are launched to fix the date of entry into force to 12 August 2006.

**(b) Other amendment proposals**

41. The Committee noted that the following two amendments to the Convention entered into force on 1 October 2005:

- Amendment to Article 1 (b) of a new Explanatory Note 0.1 (b) to the Convention adopted by the TIR Administrative Committee on 26 September 2003 ([Depositary Notification C.N.519.2005.TREATIES-5](#));
- Amendments to Annex 2, Article 3, paras. 9 and 10 and to Annex 7, Part I, Article 4, paras. 9 and 10 to the Convention adopted by the TIR Administrative Committee on 14 October 2004 ([Depositary Notification C.N.520.2005.TREATIES-6](#)).

## **APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION**

Mandate and background: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/78](#), point 8.

**(a) Comments adopted by the UNECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30)**

42. No comments had been transmitted by the Working Party for adoption by the Administrative Committee.

**(b) Comments adopted by the TIR Executive Board (TIRExB)**

Documentation: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2004/20](#).

43. No comments had been transmitted by the TIRExB for endorsement by the Administrative Committee.

**(c) Application of the Convention**

44. The Administrative Committee took note of a number of cases concerning the proper application of the Convention, which was raised by the delegate of Switzerland, in particular cases in which TIR Carnets have been discharged before the end of the transport and

substituted with other transit documents, thereby creating difficulties for the proper discharge of the TIR Carnets. The Administrative Committee urged all Contracting Parties to ensure the proper application of the Convention and invited the delegation of Switzerland, where possible, to take up the outstanding cases bilaterally and otherwise to inform the TIRExB about the issues at stake.

## **CONSOLIDATED TEXT OF THE TIR CONVENTION**

Mandate and background: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/78](#), point 9.

Documentation: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/16](#).

45. The Administrative Committee took note of document [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2005/16](#), prepared by the secretariat, containing, as a reference document, the consolidated text of the Convention and its annexes. The representative of the European Community expressed the Community's thanks to the secretariat for preparing the document and informed the Committee that the European Community would now begin its internal procedures in order to reach a common position on the adoption of the document. The Committee decided to revert to the document at its next session.

## **TIR HANDBOOK**

Mandate and background: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/78](#), point 10.

Documentation: TIR Handbook 2005.

46. 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, the Administrative Committee and the TIRExB.

47. The 2005 version of the TIR Handbook is available from the secretariat in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish language versions in both hardcopy and on cd-rom and can be viewed and downloaded from the UNECE TIR web site in these languages (<http://tir.unece.org/>).

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mandate and background: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/78](#), point 11.

Documentation: [Informal document No. 5 \(2005\)](#).

### **(a) Layout of the TIR Carnet**

48. The Working Party took note of [Informal document No. 5 \(2005\)](#), transmitted by the IRU, containing a proposal for a revised lay-out of the TIR Carnet, which would incorporate the proposals adopted by the Administrative Committee at its thirty-eighth session concerning the inclusion of the ID-number in the model of the TIR Carnet contained in Annex 1 of the Convention, which is expected to enter into force on 1 April 2006 as well as the addition on the yellow-page and process-verbal page of a bar code. The Administrative Committee approved the changes and decided, in line with the decision at its last session, that with a view to avoiding the return and destruction of already printed and distributed TIR Carnets, during a period of 18 months from the possible coming into force of the amendment, i.e. from 1 April 2006 until 1 October 2007, both the existing TIR Carnet version and the new version with the modifications, should be accepted by Customs authorities. The Committee requested the TIRExB to consider, at one of its future sessions, the question of the deadline to be applied when new versions of the TIR Carnet are phased in and old versions are phased out.

### **(b) Date of next session**

49. The Administrative Committee decided to hold the fortieth session of the Administrative Committee on 2 and 3 February 2006 in conjunction with the one-hundred-and-twelfth session of the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport.

### **(c) Restriction on the distribution of documents**

50. The Administrative Committee decided there was no restriction of documents.

## **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

Mandate and background: [TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/78](#), point 12.

51. In accordance with Annex 8, Article 7 of the Convention, the Administrative Committee adopted the report on its thirty-ninth session. During the adoption of the report, the French and Russian speaking delegations deplored that the report was not available in all three official languages.

52. The Committee, as well as, the secretariat sincerely thanked Mrs. M. Ögren for her tenure as Chairperson for the Committee, in particular stressing her competence and diligence combined with her pleasant leadership style.

Annex 1**STATUS OF THE TIR CONVENTION, 1975**

<u>Contracting Parties</u>	<u>Countries with which a TIR transit operation can be established *</u>	<u>National associations **</u>
Afghanistan	-	-
Albania	Albania	ANALTIR
Algeria	-	-
Armenia	Armenia	AIRCA
Austria	Austria	AISÖ
Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan	ABADA
Belarus	Belarus	BAIRC
Belgium	Belgium	FEBETRA
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-
Bulgaria	Bulgaria	AEBTRI
Canada	-	-
Chile	-	-
Croatia	Croatia	TRANSPORTKOMERC
Cyprus	Cyprus	TDA
Czech Republic	Czech Republic	CESMAD BOHEMIA
Denmark	Denmark	DTL
Estonia	Estonia	ERAA
Finland	Finland	SKAL
France	France	AFTRI
Georgia	Georgia	GIRCA
Germany	Germany	BGL; AIST
Greece	Greece	OFAE
Hungary	Hungary	ATRH
Indonesia	-	-
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	ICCIM
Ireland	Ireland	IRHA
Israel	Israel	IRTB
Italy	Italy	UICCIAA
Jordan	Jordan	RACJ
Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan	KAZATO
Kuwait	Kuwait	KATC
Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyzstan	KYRGYZ AIA
Latvia	Latvia	LA
Lebanon	Lebanon	CCIAB
Lithuania	Lithuania	LINAVA

\* Based on information provided by the IRU.

\*\* For details, refer to the International Directory of TIR Focal Points administered by the UNECE secretariat (<http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/tir/focal/tirfocalpoints.htm>). The access to the web site is restricted and only open for TIR Focal Points.

**STATUS OF THE TIR CONVENTION, 1975 (CONT'D)**

<u>Contracting Parties</u>	<u>Countries with which a TIR transit operation can be established *</u>	<u>National associations **</u>
Luxembourg	Luxembourg	FEBETRA
Malta	Malta	ATTO
Mongolia	Mongolia	NARTAM
Morocco	Morocco	AMTRI
Netherlands	Netherlands	SCT/TLN; KNV; EVO/SIEV
Norway	Norway	NLF
Poland	Poland	ZMPD
Portugal	Portugal	ANTRAM
Republic of Korea	-	-
Republic of Moldova	Republic of Moldova	AITA
Romania	Romania	UNTRR; ARTRI
Russian Federation	Russian Federation	ASMAP
Serbia and Montenegro	Serbia and Montenegro	CCIS-ATT
Slovakia	Slovakia	CESMAD SLOVAKIA
Slovenia	Slovenia	GIZ INTERTRANSPORT
Spain	Spain	ASTIC
Sweden	Sweden	SA
Switzerland	Switzerland	ASTAG
Syrian Arab Republic	Syrian Arab Republic	SNC ICC
Tajikistan	Tajikistan	ABBAT
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	AMERIT
Tunisia	Tunisia	CCIT
Turkey	Turkey	UCCET
Turkmenistan	Turkmenistan	THADA
Ukraine	Ukraine	AIRCU
United Kingdom	United Kingdom	RHA; FTA
United States of America	-	-
Uruguay	-	-
Uzbekistan	Uzbekistan	AIRCUZ
European Community		

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\* Based on information provided by the IRU.

\*\* For details, refer to the International Directory of TIR Focal Points administered by the UNECE secretariat (<http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/tir/focal/tirfocalpoints.htm>). The access to the web site is restricted and only open for TIR Focal Points.



**Annex 2**

**AMENDMENT PROPOSAL TO THE TIR CONVENTION, 1975**

**Adopted by the TIR Administrative Committee on 7 October 2005**

Annex 6, Explanatory Note 0.6.2 bis

Renumber existing Explanatory Note 0.6.2 bis of the TIR Convention, to become 0.6.2 bis-1

Add a new Explanatory Note 0.6.2 bis-2 to Article 6.2bis of the TIR Convention, to read as follows:

“0.6.2 bis-2 The authorization granted in accordance with Article 6.2bis shall be reflected in a written Agreement between the UNECE and the International Organization. The Agreement shall stipulate that the International Organization shall fulfil the relevant provisions of the Convention, shall respect the competences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention and shall comply with the decisions of the Administrative Committee and the requests of the TIR Executive Board. By signing the Agreement, the International Organization confirms that it accepts the responsibilities imposed by the authorization. The Agreement shall also apply to the responsibilities of the International Organization set out in Annex 8, Article 10 (b), in case the centralized printing and distribution of TIR Carnets is performed by the above-mentioned international organization. The Agreement shall be adopted by the Administrative Committee.”

Annex 6, Explanatory Note 8.10 (b)

Add a new Explanatory Note 8.10 (b) to Annex 8, Article 10 (b) of the TIR Convention, to read as follows:

“8.10 (b) The Agreement mentioned in the Explanatory Note to Article 6.2bis shall also apply to the responsibilities of the International Organization set out in (b) of this article, in case the centralized printing and distribution of TIR Carnets is performed by the above-mentioned international organization.”

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