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**Financing of the operations of the TIRExB and the TIR Secretariat:
Budget Proposal and Cost Plan for 2013**

Dear Ms Molnar,

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of 10 September 2012, ref. EM/KG/212/2012, together with its enclosures.

I have taken due note of the budget proposal and cost plan of the TIRExB and the TIR Secretariat for 2013, as well as the amount of USD 934'100.- (to be confirmed by the AC.2) to be transferred by the IRU by 15 November 2012.

Allow me first of all to note on the fact that despite the insignificant decrease of the overall amount of the 2013 cost plan which appears to be exclusively due to exchange rate fluctuations, it still remains much higher than the one of previous years, in particular for 2011. Its calculation still does not reflect, neither the real financial needs, nor the real expected expenditures.

Furthermore, this budget proposal and cost plan does not seem to include or anticipate any obvious savings which had been however announced by the UNECE during the last session of the AC.2 and over the past few months as part of its efforts to reduce costs, while raising the quality and efficiency of its work.

However, as foreseen under the UNECE / IRU Agreement in force, I can confirm that the IRU operational forecast of the number of TIR Carnets to be distributed in 2013 is estimated at 2.4 millions.

Therefore, we estimate that, by allocating to each TIR Carnet to be distributed by the IRU in 2013, an amount of USD 0.3892 in our internal budget, the advance payment of USD 934'100.- to be made by the IRU by 15 November 2012 will be reimbursed.



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As in previous years, the individual amount to be allocated per Carnet will be expressed in Swiss francs based on the prevailing exchange rate USD/CHF applicable on the day of the transfer. You will be informed accordingly, as per the established practice.

Finally, I trust that the UNECE Secretariat will inform the Contracting Parties, as per their request, on the exact steps it has undertaken since October 2011 to ensure that the financing of the operations of the TIRExB and TIR Secretariat are fully covered in future by the UN general budget.

Yours sincerely,



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