

**Regional TIR Seminar**  
**Amman**  
**(31 October and 1 November 2000)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The participants and experts of the participating countries and international organizations, namely Bahrein, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, UNDP, UNCTAD, UN/ECE, UN/ESCWA, IRU and the Arab Union of Land Transport,

welcoming the organization of the Regional TIR Seminar by the TIR Executive Board and the United Nations TIR secretariat, in cooperation with UN/ECE, UN/ESCWA and the Ministry of Finance, Customs Department, Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and appreciating in particular the hospitality extended to all participants at the Regional TIR Seminar by the Ministry of Finance, Customs Department of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan,

stressing that the improvement of the conditions of transport, particularly international road transport of goods, constitutes one of the factors essential for the development of cooperation among the countries of the region and for the economic development in particular,

considering that the simplification and harmonization of administrative formalities to improve border crossing procedures for international road transport together with adequate control measures to protect the legitimate interests of the countries in the region would contribute to this improvement,

noting that these elements are adequately addressed in the United Nations Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods Under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention, 1975) which has already been accepted by 63 United Nations member countries,

noting also that several countries in the region, i.e. Jordan, Lebanon, Syrian Arab Republic and Kuwait have already acceded to the TIR Convention,

RECOMMEND that:

1. Countries in the region, that have not yet done so, are invited to study in detail the provisions of the TIR Convention with a view to acceding to the Convention and thus promoting international road transport and trade within the region and with the countries of Western, Central and Eastern Europe;
2. Countries in the region may study the feasibility of organizing, as a follow-up to the Regional TIR Seminar, national TIR workshops in order to acquaint all relevant Government authorities and, if appropriate, the private sector with the provisions of the TIR Convention;
3. Countries in the region, wishing to accede to the TIR Convention should inter alia
  - (a) deposit an instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations as depositary of the Convention and
  - (b) if not existing, support the establishment of national guaranteeing and TIR Carnet issuing associations which should be affiliated or become a member of the International Road Transport Union (IRU).
4. The TIR secretariat of the United Nations, UN/ESCWA and the International Road Transport Union (IRU) assist the countries in the region in their efforts to study the provisions of the TIR Customs Transit Convention as well as of other relevant conventions of importance for the region, taking account of the Arab Transit Agreement and, if necessary, to assist in the implementation of these Conventions.

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