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Administrative Committee for the  
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**ADMINISTRATION OF THE TIR EXECUTIVE BOARD (TIRExB)**

**Election of members of the TIRExB**

**Note by the UN/ECE secretariat**

1. In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention and on the basis of the decisions taken by the Administrative Committee, the UN/ECE secretariat is soliciting herewith candidates willing to stand for election as members of the TIRExB. The nine members of the TIRExB are expected to be elected by the Administrative Committee on 22 February 2001, at its thirtieth session (Geneva, 22 and 23 February 2001), by a majority of the Contracting States present and voting.
2. The name and present function of the candidate your Government may wish to nominate, possibly together with a short description of his/her duties and qualifications, should be received by the UN/ECE secretariat at the latest by 21 January 2001 (Attention: Mr. M. Magold, Office 410, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; Fax: +41-22-917-0039).

3. Following transmission of the names of candidates, the UN/ECE secretariat will circulate, on 22 January 2001, a list of all nominated candidates to the Contracting Parties to the Convention. In accordance with the decision of the Administrative Committee, no further candidates may be nominated following issuance of this list by the UN/ECE secretariat. It is understood, however, that candidates may be withdrawn following circulation of the list of nominated candidates.

4. In this context, Contracting Parties to the Convention may wish to note that the TIRExB shall be composed of nine members, each from different Contracting Parties to the Convention. The term of office of each member of the TIR Executive Board shall be two years. The members of the TIR Executive Board may be re-elected (Annex 8, Article 9 of the Convention).

5. The election criteria as well as the election procedure, adopted by the Administrative Committee at its twenty-ninth session (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/59, paras. 24-27), are as follows:

Criteria for the nomination of candidates for the TIRExB

(a) Board members should be competent and experienced in the application of Customs procedures, particularly the TIR transit procedure, both at national and international levels (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/51, annex).

(b) Board members should be nominated by their respective Governments or organizations being Contracting Parties to the Convention. They should represent the interests of the Contracting Parties to the Convention and not the specific interests of any one individual Government or organization (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/51, annex).

Procedure for the election of candidates for the TIRExB

(a) If the number of nominated candidates equals the number of available posts in the TIRExB, these candidates will be elected by acclamation by the Contracting States present and voting. If the number of candidates is higher than the number of available posts, all candidates will be elected by secret ballot. In such a case, each Contracting State will have as many votes as there are available posts. A cumulation of votes on any one candidate is not permissible (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/53, para. 31).

(b) Candidates who have obtained a majority of votes are elected. In case the majority of votes has been obtained by more candidates than are posts available, the candidates with the highest number of votes are elected (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/53, para. 31).

(c) The TIR Secretary and his staff will arrange for the election procedure and the counting of votes (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/53, para. 31).

(d) The number of votes obtained by the nominated candidates during the election will not be disclosed (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/53, para. 34).

6. In accordance with the procedure adopted by the Administrative Committee in February 1999, on the occasion of the initial election of members of the TIRExB, nominated candidates may wish to introduce themselves briefly before the election procedure to the delegations of the Contracting Parties present at the session of the Administrative Committee.

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