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**Submitted by the International Road Transport Union (IRU)**

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**FINANCING OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE TIREXB AND THE TIR  
SECRETARIAT: BUDGET PROPOSAL AND COST PLAN FOR 2018**

Dear Mr Nissler,

Thank you for your letter dated 12 September 2017, reference no. UNECE/2017/TRANS/143/WN/AA.

I have taken due note of the budget proposal and cost plan of the TIRExB and TIR Secretariat for 2018, as well as the amount of USD 1,555,801 to be transferred by IRU in November 2017, as per Article 2 of the UNECE-IRU Agreement.

With respect to the deficit accrued in 2016 of CHF 293,554, IRU's competent bodies agree that it will be recorded in IRU's account and shall subsequently be adjusted as per Article 12(b) of Annex 4 of the UNECE/IRU Agreement.

Further to the preliminary approval by the IRU competent bodies of the draft IRU budget for the year 2018, I can confirm that IRU's operational forecast of the number of TIR carnets to be distributed in 2018 is estimated at 1,088,000.

In order to support the activities of TIRExB and TIR secretariat, IRU will collect the appropriate amount per TIR carnet while at the same time maintaining the competitiveness of the TIR system. However, an increase in the price of TIR carnets may be a challenging approach in a period during which TIR volumes are decreasing. At their recent meetings, IRU's competent bodies also reiterated the wish to initiate joint and constructive discussions between the IRU and UNECE Secretariats in order to promote optimisation initiatives and to optimise the use of the current funds provided for the operations of TIRExB and TIR secretariat, including the provisions forwarded year-to-year.

At the same time, IRU members have called for rapid progress in the digitalisation of the TIR System, underlining that IRU should continue to support the UNECE to ensure a pragmatic and fast implementation of e-TIR, based on the findings of the recent Turkey-Iran pilot.

IRU's administrative bodies are willing to further finance e-TIR System development, implementation, and maintenance costs to make TIR fully digital, leveraging on its long-term private-public partnership, through a voluntary contribution to UNECE.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary General

cc: Ms Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary