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**CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT
OF GOODS UNDER COVER OF TIR CARNETS (TIR CONVENTION 1975)**

Other matters

Resolution of the International Road Transport Conference (Yalta, 6-9 September 2006)

Note: The 7th International Conference "International Road Transport - problems, ways of their solution and development prospects" was held in Yalta, Ukraine, from 6 to 9 September 2006. It was attended by governmental officials and representatives of the transport industry of eight Contracting Parties to the Convention, as well as by the UNECE and IRU. At a request of the host of the Conference, the Association of International Road Carriers of Ukraine (AIRCU), the secretariat reproduces below the Resolution adopted at the Conference.

Resolution

VII International Conference

«International Road Transport - problems, ways of their solution and development prospects»

Modern economy and society need transport in order to function. Road Transport plays a key role for effective delivery chains of passengers and goods. Growth of demand of road transport services results from economic growth and inseparable from it. International road transport is the most progressive driving power of the integration process in views of its orientation on international trade and tourism.

Dynamic of the development of economy and trade on Eurasia continent greatly depends on the strengthening of cooperation between countries on the issues of development of road transport and road infrastructure, facilitation border crossing and transit. Particular importance is given to the removal of nonphysical barriers caused by artificial and bureaucratic formalities that block road transport within countries and between them.

Participants of the Conference,

Acknowledging that development of road transport industry is essential part of global economic growth, social progress and regional integration, decided to:

Address the appropriate competent authorities, public and private, governmental and non-governmental national and international bodies and organizations with the following recommendations and demands:

- Intensify process of harmonization road transport legislation to international norms and standards laid in the UNECE agreements and conventions for sustainable integration of national transport systems in the World and European transport systems.
- Activate process of joining CIS members to international agreements and conventions including those adopted within Commonwealth of Independent States and harmonization national legislation.
- Create conditions for open and fair competition.
- Reinforce processes of Eurasian transport integration based on relevant international agreements and conventions, norms and principles of international market of transport services by eliminating discriminatory taxes and duties and any other discrimination of user and providers of transport services.
- To take measures towards creating favorable conditions for resumption of freight carriage by road transport between South-East Asian and European countries within the project for revival of

the Great Silk Road; towards these ends, to support the latest initiatives put forward in this area by the International Road Transport Union, including those for organization of intercontinental caravans, for preparation of scientific and practical studies, and development of pilot projects aimed to demonstrate the prospects and economic efficiency of regular road transport traffic between Europe and Asia.

- To support the International Road Transport Union in its consistent efforts aimed to maintain and further develop the system of multilateral quotas for international freight carriage by road transport under the auspices of the ECMT.
- Encourage improving road safety and technical conditions of vehicles using best industry practice.
- Accelerate building well developed road infrastructure that meets requirements of road safety and offers sufficient level of additional services.
- Take efficient measures to reduce formalities in issuing visas for professional drivers, extend term of its validity.
- Simplify procedures at the border crossing points to reduce border waiting time, introduce best practice of border crossing control of neighbor countries.
- Reduce harm for environment caused by road transport by encouraging fleet renewal with more environmental friendly vehicles.
- Urge the UNECE Executive Secretary in Geneva to find solutions regarding outstanding questions relating to the proper functioning of the TIR System, such as computerization of the TIR System, financing of the UNECE TIR Executive Board and TIR Secretariat, while at the same time underlining the immediate need of a renewed true private-public partnership at international level thus creating the necessary conditions for the sustainability of the TIR System.
- Continue work on TIR System adaptation to changes that occur in the market of international road transport services.
- Engage in management of TIR System countries with most operation within this system.
- Improve quality and safety of services provided by road transport by improving competence of managers and drivers using IRU Academy experience and possibilities, its wide network of accredited training centers.

Yalta, 8 September 2006
