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Financing the TIRExB and TIR Secretariat operations for 2017

Dear Ms Molnar,

As proposed in IRU's letter AD/GE1041778/UDP dated 29 September 2016, and as approved by the Administrative Committee in its sixty-fourth session in October 2016, the individual amount to be invoiced by IRU for each TIR Carnet distributed in 2017 will be CHF 0.88, effective from 1 January 2017.

On 12 January 2017, IRU received PricewaterhouseCoopers' Audit Report and management letter relating to the IRU accounts used for the invoicing and advance transfer of money required to finance the TIRExB and TIR Secretariat operations for the year ended 31 December 2016. The number of TIR Carnets distributed in 2016 (1,223,400 Carnets) was lower than the forecast at the end of 2015 (1,500,000 Carnets) and as a consequence, a deficit of CHF 525,215.96 has accrued.

- According to the budget, 1,480,000 TIR Carnets will be distributed in 2017;
- The estimated amount invoiced by IRU in 2017 for the financing of TIRExB and TIR Secretariat activities would be CHF 1,302,400 (CHF 0.88*1,480,000 TIR Carnets); and
- The amount of CHF 525,215.96 (deficit at the end of 2016) would be partially or totally covered by the difference between the financing of TIRExB and TIR Secretariat activities for 2017 (USD 1,045,889 equivalent to CHF 1,044,687) and the amount to be invoiced per TIR Carnet at CHF 0.88.

In line with our auditors' recommendation and as per Article 12 b) of Annexe 4 to the UNECE/IRU Agreement, IRU proposes that, at its forthcoming session on 15 and 16 February 2017, the Administrative Committee agrees that the deficit is recorded in the IRU account and is subsequently adjusted.

In this respect, IRU kindly requests that you bring this letter to the attention of the Administrative Committee, so that the IRU proposal can be endorsed at its sixty-fifth session.

Allow me to take this opportunity to thank you for your valuable cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Youlian Guenkov'.

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