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**FINANCING OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE TIREXB AND THE TIR
SECRETARIAT: BUDGET PROPOSAL AND COST PLAN FOR 2020**

Dear Mr. Li,

Thank you for your letter dated 12 September 2019, reference no. UNECE/2019/TRANS/105/ YL/KA.

I have taken due note of the budget proposal and cost plan of the TIRExB and TIR Secretariat for 2020, as well as the amount of US\$ 1,106,233 to be transferred by IRU in November 2019, as per Article 2 of the UNECE-IRU Agreement.

In order to support the activities of TIREXB and TIR secretariat, IRU will transfer the appropriate amount per TIR carnet.

I can confirm that IRU's operational forecast of the number of TIR carnets to be distributed in 2020 has been set at 800'000. This forecast reflects the decreasing trend of issuance of TIR carnets that IRU is striving to overcome intensively. IRU remains confident in the potential of the TIR System to invert the trend with the active and strong support from UNECE and all Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention to strengthen TIR System efficiency.

With a sense of urgency, the cooperation between IRU and UNECE is of paramount importance, especially to foster rapid progress in the digitalisation of the TIR customs transit procedure to boost international transport and trade and to support a common vision for the long-term sustainability of the TIR System. 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-eight session.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'U. de Pretto', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Umberto de Pretto
Secretary General

cc: Ms Olga Algayerova, UNECE Executive Secretary