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**FINANCING OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE TIREXB AND THE TIR SECRETARIAT:
BUDGET PROPOSAL AND COST PLAN FOR 2015**

Dear Ms Molnar,

Thank you for your letter of 11 August 2014, ref. EM/MP/2014/117.

I have taken due note of the budget proposal and cost plan of the TIRExB and the TIR Secretariat for 2015, as well as the amount of USD 1,132,822 (to be confirmed by the AC.2) to be transferred by the IRU, as per Article 3 of the UNECE-IRU Agreement, by 15 November 2014.

Further to the approval of the draft IRU budget for the year 2015 by the IRU Finance Commission on 26 September 2014, I can confirm that the IRU operational forecast of the number of TIR Carnets to be distributed in 2015 is estimated at 1.9 million.

Furthermore, as discussed at the last TIRExB meeting on 23 and 24 September 2014, an additional special line could be included in the budget proposal and cost plan of the TIRExB and the TIR Secretariat for 2015 to cover costs linked to the joint UNECE-IRU eTIR pilot project.

These costs, estimated at around USD 130,000-150,000 would be financed by the IRU and would include an additional resource to be recruited by the UNECE to manage technical aspects linked to the project, as well as the infrastructure necessary to host the minimised eTIR international system.

I trust that the finance arrangements outlined above, targeted specifically at expediting the progress of the eTIR pilot project and jointly supported by the UNECE and IRU, will be approved by the TIR Contracting Parties at the AC.2 session on Wednesday, 8 October 2014 in Geneva.

Yours sincerely,



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