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**Financing of the operations of the TIRExB and the TIR Secretariat:
Budget Proposal and Cost Plan for 2011**

Dear Mr Glukhenkiy,

I acknowledge receipt with thanks of your letter KG/MRC 114/2010 dated 3 September 2010, transmitting an advance copy of the budget proposal and cost plan for the financing of the operations of the TIRExB and TIR Secretariat for 2011.

I have taken due note of the budget proposal and cost plan of the TIRExB and the TIR Secretariat for 2011, as well as of the amount of USD 959'000.- (to be confirmed by the AC.2) to be transferred by the IRU by 15 November 2010 to the TIR Trust Fund.

I also take due note of your statement that "*the budget proposal and cost plan for the year 2011 do not differ from the approved budget and cost plan from the TIRExB and the TIR Secretariat for the year 2010*", as indicated in Annex II, (1) **2011 Projected Expenditures total USD 1'670'600.-.**

Allow me also to observe as indicated in Annex II (2) **Total Estimated available balance as at 31 December 2010 for 2011 operations is USD 711'600.-** compared to USD 970'484.- for the balance of 31 December 2009. This Fund Statement reveals an increase of expenditure of USD 258'884.- or plus 15.7 % in 2011.

In addition allow me to observe, according to the note in Annex I that the "project personnel" still refers to 5 experts on a fixed term appointment, while for 2 years this has not been the case.

These observations should be seen in the context of the fact that while most of the economic institutes are forecasting global economic growth for 2011 this growth will nonetheless remain weak in most parts of the world.

However, as per your request and pending the signature of the UNECE-IRU Agreement for 2011 – 2015, I would like to inform you that the IRU operational forecast of the number of TIR Carnets to be distributed in 2011 is estimated at 2.8 million.

It results from the above-mentioned forecast for 2011 that the advance payment of USD 959'000.- to be made by the IRU before 15 November 2010 will result in an individual amount of USD 0.3425 to be invoiced on each TIR Carnet distributed in 2011.

As in previous years, the individual amount to be allocated per TIR Carnet will be expressed in Swiss francs based on the prevailing USD/CHF exchange rate applicable on the day of the transfer. You will be informed accordingly.

In the meantime, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'M', 'M', and 'I' in a stylized, cursive-like font. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

Martin Marmy
Secretary General