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Submitted by the government of Uzbekistan
Annex

A. **Original letter received on 5 September 2017**

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B. **Unofficial translation to English**

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Current version of Article 18 of TIR Convention does not contain any regulations enabling customs authorities autonomously define number of loading/unloading places (Customs office of departure/destination), which creates fair conditions in determining its number for all Contracting Parties of TIR Convention (no more than 4). Concurrently, proposed wording by the Russian Federation might create restrictions at the national level, which will lead to varied law enforcement practice.

In this sense, the Uzbek side considers it appropriate to set proposed wording of Article 18 by the Russian Federation with a few amendments: “TIR transport may involve several customs offices of departure and destination, but the total number of customs offices of departure and destination shall not exceed eight. The TIR Carnet may only be presented to customs offices of destination if all customs offices of departure have accepted the TIR Carnet.”