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Transmitted by the International Road Transport Union

In Annex, the secretariat transmits a letter by the International Road Transport Union (IRU).¹

¹ Enclosure of the letter not included as it is merely a bank debit note showing the transfer of the funds for the budget of TIR Executive Board (TIRExB) and the TIR secretariat to United Nations accounts.

Annex



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**FINANCING OF THE OPERATION OF THE TIREXB AND THE TIR SECRETARIAT FOR 2019
- TRANSFER OF THE AMOUNT**

Dear Mr. Li,

Thank you for your letter reference no. UNECE/2018/TRANS/193/YL/KA/AG dated 25 October 2018 and received on the same date.

I have taken due note that the TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2) at its sixty-eight session, held in Geneva on 18 October 2018:

- a) approved the amount of USD 1.23 (rounded) per TIR Carnet to generate the income necessary to cover the additional funds of USD 1,194,039 needed for the operation of TIRExB and the TIR secretariat in 2019; and
- b) endorsed IRU recommendation to record the accumulated deficit at the end of 2017 (from the years 2015 and 2017), in the total amount of CHF 260,256.79, in IRU's accounts and have it subsequently adjusted.

It should be noted that IRU will not be able, in 2019, to charge USD 1.23 (considered excessively high) for each TIR Carnet issued, considering the difficult financial environment in which our industry operates and in particular road transport operators. IRU will continue to charge CHF 0.88 per TIR Carnet to support transport operators during these challenging times.

In line with the AC.2 decision, and in order to continue financing the TIRExB and TIR Secretariat even in these challenging times, I would like to confirm that the sum of USD 1,194,039 has been transferred to the TIR Trust Fund on 14 November 2018. According to the prevailing exchange rate applicable on the day of the transfer, such sum is equivalent to CHF 1,207,433.73.

The corresponding debit note is enclosed for your information.

I thank you for your cooperation and remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General

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