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**ACTIVITIES AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TIR EXECUTIVE BOARD
(TIRExB) ***

Activities of the TIRExB

Report by the Chairman of the TIRExB

Programme of work of the TIRExB for the years 2005 and 2006 **

1. Introduction

With a view to improving transparency among the TIR bodies, at the beginning of each two-year period of its mandate the TIRExB develops a prioritised work programme and presents it to the TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2) for endorsement. The Chairman periodically reports to AC.2 on its activities and the results achieved within the work programme.

* The UNECE Transport Division has submitted the present document after the official documentation deadline due to planning oversight.

** The underlying programme of work was adopted by the TIRExB at its twenty-sixth session (17-18 May and 14 June 2005). It is presented to the TIR Administrative Committee for endorsement.

The programme below is not exhaustive, the TIRExB is sufficiently flexible to enable itself to consider any unforeseen issue that might arise. Furthermore, it does not include some ongoing activities carried out by the TIR secretariat, which do not require the direct involvement of the Board (e.g. maintenance of the ITDB, etc).

2. **Overall aims**

Supervision of and support in the application of the TIR Convention at the national and international levels (Article 1**bis** of Annex 8 to the Convention)

2.1. **Ongoing activities**

(1) To study specific measures (both legal and practical) to combat fraud resulting from the misuse of the TIR procedure. ***Priority: 1***

Outputs expected in 2005 and 2006:

- Identification of possible weaknesses in the legal basis of the TIR Convention which could make it prone to fraud.
- Continue development of a mechanism aimed at the early identification of fraud in order to define the appropriate responses to prevent and combat such fraud.
- On the basis of the relevant survey of the Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention undertaken in 2003-2004 prepare an example of best practices with regard to the implementation of controlled access to the TIR procedure (Annex 9, part II of the Convention).

(2) To facilitate the exchange of information between competent authorities of Contracting Parties, national guaranteeing associations, IRU and other Governmental and non-governmental organisations. To co-ordinate and foster the exchange of intelligence and other information among competent authorities of Contracting Parties. ***Priority 1***

Outputs expected in 2005 and 2006:

- Elaborate adequate instruments and undertake to find measures to improve international co-operation among Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention and their national associations, and the international organization in order to prevent and combat fraud.

- Taking into account the views of other international governmental and non-governmental bodies, and in consultation with the IRU, develop and disseminate guidelines concerning the use of risk analysis, and the identification of fraud prevention measures.
 - On the basis of information provided by the TIR international guarantee chain, study the situation with regard to the new trends of fraud, the notifications of non-discharge and TIR infringements as a contribution to an "early-warning system" for identification and prevention of fraud.
- (3) **To supervise the national Customs control measures introduced in the framework of the TIR Convention.** ***Priority: 1***
- Outputs expected in 2005 and 2006:*
- Identify national Customs control measures introduced in Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention and check their conformity with the provisions of the TIR Convention.
 - Address the respective national authorities in order to modify or abolish measures which are in contradiction to the TIR Convention.
- (4) **To supervise the functioning of the TIR international guarantee system.** ***Priority: 1***
- Outputs expected in 2005 and 2006:*
- Monitor constantly the settlement of Customs claims, on the basis of information provided by national Customs authorities and the IRU.
- (5) **To contribute to the computerization of the TIR procedure.** ***Priority: 1***
- Outputs expected in 2005 and 2006:*
- Contribute to the activities undertaken within ad-hoc expert groups on the computerization of the TIR procedure.
 - Promote the ITDB as one of future e-TIR components.
 - Develop on-line access to ITDB.
- (6) **To support training activities on the application of the TIR Convention, mainly in Contracting Parties where difficulties are experienced or might be expected in this area.** ***Priority: 1***

Outputs expected in 2005 and 2006:

- Organize, possibly in co-operation with the IRU, and substantially contribute to regional and national workshops and seminars on the application of the TIR Convention.
- Update and distribute the TIR Handbook in several languages.

- (7) **To facilitate the settlement of disputes between Contracting Parties, associations, insurance companies and international organisations without prejudice to Article 57.**

Priority: 1

Output expected in 2005 and 2006:

- Analyse and monitor disputes referred to the Board and make recommendations (if necessary) to facilitate their settlement.

- (8) **To monitor the application of the EDI control system for TIR Carnets. Priority: 2**

Outputs expected in 2005 and 2006:

- Continue activities, in co-operation with IRU, towards the full implementation of the Recommendation on an international EDI control system for TIR Carnets adopted by the TIR Administrative Committee on 20 October 1995^{***}.
- Monitor performance and give feedback to the Contracting Parties.

- (9) **To supervise the centralised printing and distribution of the TIR Carnets, including the monitoring of the price of TIR Carnets. Priority: 2**

Outputs expected in 2005 and 2006:

- Monitor modifications in the price of TIR Carnets as reported by IRU.
- Approve any proposed modifications to the TIR Carnet in advance of its introduction and distribution.

- (10) **To maintain the central record for dissemination to Contracting Parties of information on all rules and procedures prescribed for the issue of TIR Carnets by associations, as far as they relate to the minimum conditions and requirements laid down in Annex 9. Priority: 1**

^{***} It is expected that this Recommendation will be superseded by the relevant amendments to the TIR Convention in 2006.

Output expected in 2005 and 2006:

- Study information provided by IRU, identifying the common rules and procedures prescribed for the issue of TIR Carnets by associations.

2.2. Activities of a limited duration

(11) Consideration of amendment proposals to the TIR Convention of technical nature. Priority: 1

Outputs expected in 2005:

- Consider the amendment proposals of technical nature, as identified by the UNECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), and submit the results back to WP.30.

(12) Preparation of best practices regarding the use of the TIR Carnet. Priority: 1

Outputs expected in 2005-2006:

- Prepare an instruction on step-by-step filling-in of the TIR Carnet by the TIR Carnet holder and Customs authorities.
- Prepare an example of best practices on the use of the TIR Carnet by the Customs offices of departure, destination and en route.

(13) Preparation of best practices on effective implementation of Article 38 of the TIR Convention. Priority: 1

Outputs expected in 2005-2006:

- Prepare an example of best practices on effective implementation of Article 38 of the TIR Convention and transmit it to WP.30 and/or AC.2 for consideration and approval.
