



**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
FOR THE TIR CONVENTION, 1975**

TIR Executive Board (TIRExB)

**REPORT OF THE NINTH SESSION
OF THE TIR EXECUTIVE BOARD (TIRExB)**
(23 February 2001)

ATTENDANCE

1. The TIR Executive Board (TIRExB) held its ninth session on 23 February 2001 at Geneva.
2. The following nine members of the TIRExB were present as elected or re-elected by the TIR Administrative Committee on 22 February 2001: Mr. M. Amelio (Italy); Mr. G.-H. Bauer (Switzerland); Mr. R. Ehmcke (Germany); Mrs. Y. Kasikçi (Turkey); Mr. D. Kulevski (The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia); Mr. J. Marques (European Community); Mrs. H. Metaxa-Mariatou (Greece); Mr. M. Olszewski (Poland); Mrs. N. Rybkina (Russian Federation).
3. The TIR Secretary attended the session in accordance with Annex 8, Article 9, paragraph 1 of the Convention.
4. The International Road Transport Union (IRU) attended the session as observer in accordance with Annex 8, Article 11, paragraph 5 of the Convention and was represented by Mr. J. Groenendijk, Head of the TIR Department.
5. Other organizations did not attend the session.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

6. The TIRExB adopted the agenda of the session as prepared by the TIR Secretary (TIRExB/AGE/2001/9).

ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

7. In accordance with Annex 8, Article 11, paragraph 3 of the Convention, Mr. Michal Olszewski (Poland) was elected Chairman.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE TIRExB

Documentation: TIRExB/REP/2001/8.

8. The TIRExB adopted the report of its eighth session as prepared by the TIR Secretary (TIRExB/REP/2001/8).

PRIORITY ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND RESOLUTION BY THE TIRExB IN 2001

Documentation: TIRExB/AGE/2001/9.

9. Having reviewed the programme of work (TIRExB/REP/2001/9), the TIRExB agreed on the following priority items for consideration and resolution in 2001:

- National control measures;
- Monitoring of the price of TIR Carnets;
- Re-establishment of full guarantee coverage of TIR Carnets;
- Functioning of the TIR international guarantee system;
- Approved Customs offices for TIR operations;
- Full application of the EDI control system for TIR Carnets;
- Preparation of a Handbook on best practices in Contracting Parties;
- Support for training activities on the application of the TIR procedure, mainly in new Contracting Parties to the Convention;
- Possibility of granting specially authorized consignees and consignors permission to terminate and to open TIR operations at their premises;
- Computerization of the TIR procedure;
- Preparation of an example of a TIR Carnet duly filled-in.

10. The TIRExB also felt that all pending issues would need to be resolved before the Board proceeded to new ones with the exception of urgent requests by Contracting Parties which should be treated as soon as possible.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE TIRExB

11. The TIRExB recalled its Rules of Procedure and, in particular, the provisions concerning working languages. The TIR Secretary offered to explore possibilities for the UN/ECE to provide full simultaneous interpretation from/into English, French and Russian at sessions held in Geneva. For sessions held outside Geneva, members of the Board who could not communicate in English were invited to bring along their personal interpreters whose travel expenses could be met by the TIRExB budget. To this end, the TIRExB authorized the TIR Secretary to modify, if necessary, individual budget line allocations within the existing overall recourses allocated in the approved budget of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat.

12. With regard to documentation, the Board was of the view that, in general, basic documents of the TIRExB could be prepared in English only. TIRExB documents to be submitted to the TIR Administrative Committee and/or to the UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) should be prepared in the three working languages.

OTHER MATTERS

13. The TIRExB expressed its appreciation to Mr. R. Ehmcke (Germany), outgoing Chairman of the TIRExB, as well as to Mr. O. Beginin (Russian Federation), Mr. O. Fedorov (Ukraine), Mr. Z. Lovric (Croatia) and Mr. I. Parts (Estonia) for the substantial contributions they had made to work of the TIRExB during their terms of office.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION

14. The TIRExB welcomed and endorsed the proposal by Mrs. Y. Kasikçi (Turkey) to hold the tenth session of the Board in Turkey in the week from 14 to 18 May 2001. The eleventh session of the Board was tentatively scheduled to take place on 18 and 19 October 2001 in Geneva.
