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**the TIR Executive Board and TIR secretariat**

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Board and TIR Secretariat**

**Submitted by the International Road Transport Union (IRU)**

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**FINANCING THE TIREXB AND TIR SECRETARIAT OPERATIONS FOR 2018**

Dear Mr Nissler,

As approved by the Administrative Committee in its sixty-sixth session in October 2017, the individual amount to be invoiced by IRU for each TIR Carnet distributed in 2018 was calculated to be USD 1.43 effective from 1 January 2018.

- According to the budget, 1,088,000 TIR Carnets will be distributed in 2018;
- The estimated amount to be invoiced by IRU in 2018 for the financing of TIRExB and TIR Secretariat activities would be USD 1.43\*1,088,000 TIR Carnets = USD 1,555,801 (already transferred by IRU on 14 November 2017);

*NB: Considering the difficult financial environment in which our industry operates and in particular road transport operators, it should be noted that IRU will not be able, in 2018, to charge USD 1.43 (considered excessively high) for each TIR Carnet issued but will continue to charge CHF 0.88 per TIR Carnet to support transport operators during these challenging times.*

On 12 January 2018, IRU received PricewaterhouseCoopers' Audit Report and management letter relating to the IRU accounts used for the invoicing and advance transfer of money required to finance the TIRExB and TIR Secretariat operations for the year ended 31 December 2017. The number of TIR Carnets distributed in 2017 (1,154,650 Carnets) was lower than the forecast at the end of 2017 (1,480,000 Carnets) and as a consequence, a deficit of CHF 28,594.64 has accrued in 2017. The accumulated deficit at the end of 2017 amount to CHF 553,810.60, out of which CHF 525,215.96 has accrued in the years before.

In line with our auditors' recommendation and as per Article 12 b) of Annexe 4 to the UNECE/IRU Agreement, IRU proposes that, at its forthcoming session on 8 February 2018, the Administrative Committee agrees that the deficit is recorded in the IRU account and is subsequently adjusted.

In this respect, IRU kindly requests that you bring this letter to the attention of the Administrative Committee, so that the IRU proposal can be endorsed at its sixty-seventh session.

Allow me to take this opportunity to thank you for your valuable cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Blanche', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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