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**Activities and administration of the TIR Executive Board:**

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**Report by the Chair of the TIR Executive Board**

### **Proposal to amend Article 18 with a new Explanatory Note**

**Transmitted by the TIR Executive Board**

#### **I. Introduction**

1. The TIR Executive Board (TIRExB), at its seventy-fourth session (9 October 2017), continued and concluded its deliberations with regard to a new Explanatory Note to accompany the proposal to amend Article 18 as to increase the number of customs offices of departure and destination per TIR transport from four to eight. The Committee may wish to recall that TIRExB was mandated to elaborate such Explanatory Note for the purpose of providing the possibility to Contracting Parties to apply a smaller number of customs offices of either departure or destination on their territory, considering that some delegations were not in a position to accept the amendment of Article 18.

2. The secretariat reproduces, in Annex, the text of the new Explanatory Note as developed by TIRExB for the advance information of the Committee. The text of the proposal, together with information on the discussions that led to this text and the various considerations put forward by the Board will be issued as a formal document in all three ECE working languages for the consideration of the Committee at its next session, in February 2017.

## Annex

### *Article 18*

*“A 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”*

**0.18-3**      *1. Customs authorities may limit the maximum number of customs offices of departure (or destination) on their territory to less than seven.[However, customs authorities shall accept TIR Carnets indicating up to three offices of either departure or destination on their territory].*

*2. Contracting Parties shall make information on such limitations publicly available and inform the TIR Executive Board, including by means of the proper use of electronic applications developed to this end by the TIR secretariat under the supervision of the TIR Executive Board.*

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