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Administration of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat

Procedure for financing of the operation of the TIRExB and TIR secretariat

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Financing of the operations of the TIRExB and the TIR Secretariat for 2008

Dear Ms Molnar,

According to the Report of the IRU external auditors to the IRU Presidency dated 9 January 2009, a copy of which was sent to you directly by PriceWaterhouseCoopers on 14 January, it appears that an amount of CHF 17'021.72 is payable by the IRU to UNECE.

I would therefore appreciate if you would kindly let me have the complete details of the bank account to which this sum is to be transferred.

Once in receipt of the necessary bank account details, I will prepare the relevant payment instruction and will inform your office accordingly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further clarification on the above.

Yours sincerely,



Martin Marmy
Secretary General

cc: Mr Konstantin Glukhenkiy, TIR Secretary, UNECE

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**Proposal to review the forecast of the number of TIR Carnets to be distributed in 2009
and the amount to be invoiced per TIR Carnet for the financing of the
TIRExB and the TIR Secretariat**

Dear Ms Molnar,

The effects of the economic and financial crisis are now visible on international road transport activities and are therefore also impacting on the issuance of TIR Carnets.

If, on the one hand, I am happy to inform you that the IRU distributed 3'253'800 TIR Carnets in 2008, which represents a global increase when compared to 2007, on the other hand the volume of TIR Carnets issued showed a decline in November and December 2008 clearly as a result of the economic and financial downturn.

In order to maintain a reasonably realistic approach and to avoid carrying over unrealistic deficits for the coming years that would artificially increase the individual amount to be invoiced per TIR Carnet, I propose that an adjustment be made to the forecast of the number of TIR Carnets to be distributed in 2009 by reducing it from 3 million to 2.7 million TIR Carnets.

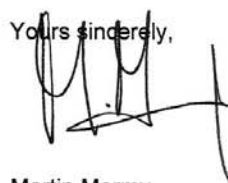
As a consequence of this revised forecast, the amount to be invoiced by the IRU for each TIR Carnet distributed would be adjusted to USD 0.4718. Therefore, on the basis of the exchange rate applied for the transfer of funds to the UNECE for the year 2009, the equivalent of USD 0.4718 would correspond to CHF 0.5554.

Therefore, if the Administrative Committee so agrees, we propose that the individual amount to be invoiced per TIR Carnet to be distributed be adjusted retroactively, from 1 January 2009, to CHF 0.56.

I do believe that such an adjustment would allow for a more accurate procedure to be followed for the financing of operations of the TIRExB and the TIR Secretariat in 2009 and onwards and that such an adjustment will be confirmed at the next session of the Administrative Committee to be held in Geneva on 5-6 February 2009.

I remain at your disposal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Marmy', written over the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

Martin Marmy
Secretary General

cc: Mr Konstantin Glukhenkiy, TIR Secretary, UNECE