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**Customs Convention on the International Transport
of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR
Convention, 1975) – Revision of the Convention:
Amendment proposals to the Convention**

Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention, 1975

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Item 5 (b) of the provisional agenda

**Revision of the Convention–
Proposals transmitted by the Government of the
Russian Federation**

Comments to amendment proposals submitted by the Government of the Russian Federation

Note by the secretariat

I. Background and mandate

1. Further to document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2015/1 – ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2015/7, in which the secretariat reproduces proposals transmitted by the Government of the Russian Federation as well as the comments on the various amendment proposals received by the secretariat up and until 21 November 2014, the secretariat has received comments by the government of Iran (Islamic Republic of). For the sake of clarity, the secretariat first reproduces the text of the concerned amendment proposal by the Russian Federation, followed by comments received from Iran (Islamic Republic of).

II. Various amendment proposals by the Russian Federation contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/ 2014/17 and comments thereto

(a) Annex 9, Part I, paragraph 3 (ii)

For determined by the Contracting Party which may be claimed from the national association *substitute* which may be claimed from the national association if a maximum amount is determined by the Contracting Party (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2014/17).

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Comments by Iran (Islamic Republic of)

2. Iran (Islamic Republic of) generally agrees with this proposal. However, in order to facilitate trade and transport, Iran would like to discuss the possibility of introducing flexible guarantees. In case the recently introduced TIR+ higher level guarantee (of an additional 100,000 €) by the International Road Transport Union (IRU) could be included in the TIR Convention, this would increase the guarantee provided by the TIR Carnet, thus making the TIR guarantee more secure for customs procedures.

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(c) Various amendment proposals to harmonize the terminology used in the Convention

(i) Article 1, paragraph (q), line 1–2

After authorized *delete* the customs authorities (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2014/17).

Comments by Iran (Islamic Republic of)

3. According to the legislation of Iran (Islamic Republic of), customs is the only authority to select the national guaranteeing association. Therefore, deleting the words “the customs authorities” would not be in line with our national legislation.

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(iv) Annex 9, Part I, paragraph 5, first sentence

After requirements *insert* or with the duties of the association as set forth in paragraph 3 (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2014/17).

Comments by Iran (Islamic Republic of)

4. Iran (Islamic Republic of) supports this proposal.

(v) Annex 9, Part I, paragraph 7, line 2

For Contracting Parties *substitute* Contracting Party (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2014/17).

Comments by Iran (Islamic Republic of)

5. Further clarification is needed to examine the proposed wording in relation to Articles 6, 8 and 11 of the TIR Convention.

(d) Annex 8, Article 9

6. Expansion of the membership of the TIR Executive Board of the Convention and establishment of a rule whereby the Board should consist predominantly of experts from the Contracting Parties to the Convention that have the largest turnover under the TIR regime (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2014/17).

Comments by Iran (Islamic Republic of)

7. The position of Iran (Islamic Republic of) with regard to the expansion of membership of TIRExB is well known (see Informal document WP.30/AC.2 No. 7 (2012)) and will remain unchanged. We encourage the TIR Administrative Committee to discuss this proposal in depth, in order to reach a consensus on geographical coverage in the interest of all Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention.
