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## **Economic Commission for Europe**

### **Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention, 1975**

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

#### **Administration of the TIR Executive Board and the TIR secretariat**

### **Budget proposal and cost plan for the year 2021**

#### **Transmitted by the International Road Transport Union**

In Annex, the secretariat transmits a letter by the International Road Transport Union (IRU)

## Annex



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**By email and post**

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### **TIR operational forecast 2021**

Dear Mr Li,

Thank you for your letter dated 18 September 2020, reference no. Ref.: UNECE/2020/TRANS/47/YL/KA.

I can confirm that IRU's operational forecast of the number of TIR carnets to be distributed in 2021 has been set at 756'000. This forecast reflects the decreasing trend of issuance of TIR carnets, which continues to be heavily impacted by COVID-19. IRU remains confident in the potential of the TIR System to invert the trend with the active and strong support from UNECE and all Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention. Our joint progress in TIR digitalisation, TIR efficient integration in logistics ecosystems and its use for intermodal transport as well as TIR system expansion will allow us to realise its potential.

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 seventy-third session.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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