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the TIR Executive Board and TIR secretariat

Financing of the operation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat for 2023

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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FINANCING OF THE OPERATION OF THE TIREXB AND THE TIR SECRETARIAT FOR 2023 - TRANSFER OF THE AMOUNT

Dear Mr Li,

Thank you for your letter ref.: UNECE/2022/TRANS/52/YL/KA/AB.

I have taken due note:

- of Annex 1 to the UNECE-IRU agreement for 2023—2025 inclusive, concluded on 11 November 2022, which shall be adjusted on an annual basis, through an exchange of letters between UNECE and IRU, in accordance with the relevant decisions of the TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2).
- that AC.2, at its seventy-eighth session, held in Geneva on 12-13 October 2022, approved the budget and cost plan for the operation of TIRExB and the TIR secretariat for the year 2023, as well as the net amount to be transferred by IRU, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/159, paras. 31-32.
- that AC.2, at its above-mentioned session, approved the net amount of USD 2.15 per TIR Carnet (rounded).

In line with the AC.2 decision, and in order to continue financing the TIRExB and TIR Secretariat even in these challenging times, I would like to confirm that the sum of USD 1,211,169 has been transferred to the TIR Trust Fund on 14 November 2021.

According to the prevailing exchange rate USD/CHF applicable confirmed by UBS (0.945) on the day of the transfer, such sum is equivalent to CHF 1'144'554,71. The corresponding debit note is enclosed for your information.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recall that AC.2, at its seventy-sixth session "*expressed its concerns regarding the future financial situation and budget of TIRExB and the TIR secretariat... The Committee invited the TIR secretariat, following also an OIOS recommendation on the sustainability of the operation of the TIR secretariat, to start exploring additional sources to fund the TIRExB and TIR secretariat's budget*" (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/155 – para. 17). Taking into account that the road transport industry continues facing multiple challenges, IRU welcomes any efforts that the TIR

secretariat is and will be taking to this end and asks to kindly be kept informed of any such developments.

I thank you for your cooperation and remain,



Umberto de Pretto
Secretary General

Enclosure: Debit note