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Budget proposal and cost plan for the year 2024

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

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Geneva, 25 September 2023

Dear Mr Li,

Thank you for your letter ref. UNECE/2023/TRANS/47/YL/KA.

As per the established practice I inform you that IRU's operational forecast of the number of TIR carnets to be distributed in 2024 has been set at 600,000. This forecast takes into account the current geopolitical situation, that has severely impacted transport in the corridors, which used to generate an important demand for TIR, on the one hand; and the expected continuation of positive issuance trend in some Contracting Parties, which rely on the TIR system to grow their trade while enhancing its transparency, on the other.

Furthermore, in order to reach the set target of 600,000 TIR carnets in 2024, it is primordial that UNECE and IRU undertake concerted and coordinated efforts to realise the following:

- to have eTIR implemented, first of all, in those countries, which demonstrate the most important demand in the TIR system, latest by the beginning of next year
- to ensure that TIR transport is offered facilitation proportionately to the security it provides to customs authorities
- to support as much as possible those countries, which are new to the TIR system, to make sure that both transport operators and customs authorities benefit from TIR on a large scale.

I am sure that with the support of UNECE and TIR Contracting Parties, we will be able to achieve this target.

I kindly request that you bring this letter to the attention of the Administrative Committee.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'U. de Pretto', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Umberto de Pretto
Secretary General

cc: Ms Tatiana Molcean, UNECE Executive Secretary