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**Extrabudgetary project**

**Implementation and Operationalization of the eTIR procedure  
in Caucasus and Central Asia**

**(for approval)**

**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE  
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM**

<b>Project title:</b> Implementation and operationalization of the eTIR procedure in Caucasus and Central Asia		
<b>Expected timing/ duration:</b> March– October 2024		
<p><b>Objective and brief summary of the project:</b></p> <p>The objective of the project is to make operational the eTIR procedure in Caucasus and Central Asia by creating an electronic TIR transport corridor. The TIR Secretariat following mandate provided by the TIR Convention undertakes several activities in order to interconnect the eTIR international system which is developed and hosted by the TIR secretariat with the national customs systems of the contracting parties to the TIR Convention. In order for eTIR procedure to be implemented, eTIR transport corridors should be developed starting using the eTIR procedure. The Central Asian countries, contracting parties to the TIR Convention are the higher users of the TIR carnets today. Already, some countries in the Caucasus and Central Asia such as Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Uzbekistan have finalized the interconnection project. The secretariat has initiated the interconnection project with Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan while considerable actions will be undertaken during 2024, the interconnection project to start for the rest of the countries such as Turkmenistan.</p> <p>The objective of the project will be achieved by the implementation of the following activities:</p> <p>A1.1. Interconnection of the information technology systems of the customs authorities of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan with the eTIR international system hosted by TIR Secretariat;</p> <p>A1.2. Training of customs officers on how to use the applications;</p> <p>A1.3. Preparation of customs guides regarding the internal procedures to administer electronic guarantees instead of paper TIR carnets.</p>		
<b>Link to the SDG targets:</b> SDGs 8.2, 8.3, 9.1, 17.6		
<b>Expected results of the project:</b> EA1. Improved national capacities of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan to implement and operate the eTIR procedure along at least one transport corridor in Caucasus and Central Asia.		
<b>Target group and beneficiaries of the project:</b> Beneficiary countries: Caucasus and Central Asian countries contracting parties to the TIR Convention, mainly Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan and possibly Turkmenistan. Target group: national customs authorities.		
<b>Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:</b> The proposed project directly contributes to the objective of the Subprogramme 2 "Transport" "to advance a regionally and globally sustainable inland transport (road, rail, inland waterway and intermodality) system by making it safer, cleaner, more efficient, and more affordable, both for freight transport and people's mobility" of the UNECE programme budget for 2024.		
<b>Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):</b> 1 month of P5		
<b>Estimated extra budgetary resources:</b>		
<b>Donor</b>	<b>Amount (US\$)</b>	
Islamic Development Bank	30,058	
<b>Project Manager:</b> Konstantinos Alexopoulos  15.01.2024	<b>Section/Division:</b> Transport Facilitation and Economics Section Sustainable Transport Division	
<b>Cleared by Programme Management Unit:</b> Nicolas Dath-Baron  15.01.2024	<b>Approved by EXCOM<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>13.02.2024</b>

<sup>1</sup> See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

**Annex**  
**Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project**

Expected Accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)
EA1. Improved national capacities of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan to implement and operate the eTIR procedure along at least one transport corridor in Caucasus and Central Asia	<p>A1.1. Interconnection of the information technology systems of the customs authorities of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan with the eTIR international system hosted by TIR Secretariat;</p> <p>A1.2. Training of customs officers on how to use the applications;</p> <p>A1.3. Preparation of customs guides regarding the internal procedures to administer electronic guarantees instead of paper TIR carnets.</p> <p>1 international consultant to coordinate implementation of the eTIR procedure x 8 months x \$2,500 Travel of consultant x 6 missions x \$1,100</p>	<p>26,000</p> <p>20,000 6,600</p>
Budget summary		26,600
13% of Programme Support Costs		3,458
<b>Total</b>		<b>30,058</b>