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## **IRU RESOLUTION ON THE USE OF THE TIR CONVENTION TO IMPLEMENT WCO SAFE**

*unanimously adopted by the IRU General Assembly  
in Istanbul on 15 May 2008*

**IRU Resolution on the use of the TIR Convention to implement the requirements of the  
WCO SAFE Framework of Standards including the AEO status**

### **Whereas**

- After 11 September 2001, security issues have become a top priority for all.
- To improve the security of the international supply chain of goods, the World Customs Organisation (WCO), under mandate of the G7, published, at the end of 2007, the WCO SAFE Framework which incorporated the technical guidance for the implementation of all AEO requirements to obtain the AEO status.
- All these new security requirements must be implemented, country by country, as from 1 January 2009.
- All IRU analyses, including the results of the Road Freight Transport Security Seminar held in Geneva on 17 September 2007, concluded very clearly that the TIR Convention is the best tool to fully implement, on the basis of Customs to Customs mutual recognition of the appropriate procedures and controls, all the security requirement standards set by the WCO SAFE Framework, including those for the implementation of the AEO status.
- A study recently commissioned by the US Chamber of Commerce also came to the same conclusion that the TIR Convention, due to the fact that it is the only convention providing mutual recognition of all customs controls between all its 56 Contracting Parties, is the best multilateral legal instrument to implement all the security requirements of the WCO SAFE Framework, including those concerning the AEO status.

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**Therefore**

**The IRU and its Member Associations, recognising the paramount importance of effectively improving security, without penalising facilitation, of the international supply chain of goods globally:**

- **reiterate their full commitment to implement the WCO SAFE Framework of Standards, to achieve this objective;**
- **insist that, in the interest of trade facilitation, it is essential to avoid the proliferation of restrictive regulations and uncoordinated national and regional security initiatives to implement the WCO SAFE Framework of Standards, including the AEO status;**
- **call upon governments, competent authorities, and international institutions and organisations like the European Commission, the WCO, and the UNECE, as well as road transport's commercial partners, such as Chambers of Commerce, shippers and forwarders to:**
  - **Promote the use of the TIR Convention, as the best multilateral tool to fully implement the WCO SAFE Framework of Standards, including the AEO status in an harmonised and effective manner, and**
  - **Promote the introduction in the TIR Convention and its annexes without delay the necessary minor adjustments to the TIR Convention to fully cover all the requirements of the WCO SAFE Framework of Standards, including those concerning AEO status.**

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