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IRU RESOLUTION ON THE TIR SYSTEM

IRU Resolution on the TIR System, adopted unanimously by the IRU General Assembly in Geneva on 10 November 2006

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The IRU and its Member Associations recognise the important role played by the competent authorities in ensuring the effective functioning of the TIR System.

The IRU and its Member Associations reiterate their commitment to fulfil their role and responsibilities in the TIR System.

The IRU General Assembly calls on all the Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention to:

First:

Given the difficulties experienced in the discussions within the framework of the UN Convention, reinforce the public-private partnership (PPP) through clear declarations of confidence in and support for the IRU's role and ensure a balanced partnership at all levels.

Second:

Given the different responsibilities for each of the parties, allow the IRU to undertake its relations with its contractual partners without interference.

Third:

Given the unfounded allegations in the reports of the UN auditors and management letter as to the IRU's probity in handling the financial arrangements, repudiate the defamation of the IRU in all the documents published by the UN and confirm that the IRU has met all of its financial obligations towards the UNECE.

Fourth:

In order to make the financial arrangements transparent, decide a legal and acceptable procedure for the interim financing of the operations of the TIRExB and TIR Secretariat, by:

- agreeing to modify at the earliest opportunity Annex 8, Article 13 of the TIR Convention by removing any reference to a “levy”;
- ensuring that future cost plans reflect realistic expenditures exclusively dedicated to the management of the existing TIR procedure.

Fifth:

In order to build on the existing achievements by national customs administrations, associations and the IRU in the computerisation of TIR, decide to reorient the e-TIR project to ensure the step-by-step computerisation of the existing TIR procedures utilising the current IT systems at national and international levels by:

- implementing Annex 10 of the TIR Convention, including real-time SafeTIR data transmission;
- recognising the utility and validity of the SafeTIR data transmitted by Customs for all the partners of the international guarantee chain including the Customs;
- supporting the NCTS/TIR project developed jointly with national customs authorities.

Sixth:

Given the fact that many amendments to the TIR Convention have not been transposed to national legislation, decide to convene a review conference to legalise all the substantial amendments made to the TIR Convention since 1994 to ensure a harmonised legal framework and implementation in all Contracting Parties.

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