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**Customs Convention on the International Transport
of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention, 1975) –
Revision of the Convention:
Amendment proposals to the Convention**

Article 18 of the Convention

Note by the secretariat

I. Mandate

1. At its 140th session, the Working Party, inter alia, discussed a proposal to amend Article 18, increasing the number of loading and unloading places from four to eight. As diverging opinions on this issue continued to exist, the Working Party invited Contracting Parties invited to submit their views on the matter to the secretariat, not later than 15 July 2015, for consideration at the next session of the Working Party (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/280, para. 6 (k) (ii)). Below, the secretariat reflects contributions submitted by Contracting Parties until the deadline for submission of this document.

II. Contributions by Contracting Parties

2. In an e-mail of 15 July 2015, the customs administration of Iran (Islamic Republic of) informed the secretariat that national consultations about the possibility to increase the number of loading and unloading places from four to eight are still ongoing. Pending a final position, Iran (Islamic Republic of) can support that such increase can be implemented provisionally by countries which are in favour of the proposal.

3. In a letter of 21 July 2015 (dated 15 July 2015), the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus informs the secretariat that it does not oppose a proposal to amend Article 18 of the Convention so as to increase the number of loading and unloading places from four to eight.