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Amendment proposals to the Convention transmitted by Contracting Parties

Proposal by Ukraine for amendments to the TIR Convention*

In annex, the secretariat transmits a letter by The State Customs Services of Ukraine

Annex



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About providing proposals

The State Customs Service of Ukraine avails its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)/ Sustainable Transport Section and has the honor to inform on our amendment proposal to the TIRExB members elections procedure.

In line with the TIR Convention, 1975, the TIRExB shall be composed of nine members, each of different Contracting Parties to the Convention. (Annex 8, Article 9, paragraph 1).

The members of the TIRExB shall be elected by the Administrative Committee by a majority of those present and voting (Annex 8, Article 9, paragraph 2).

In 2023, the TIR Administrative Committee faced the situation of by-elections of the TIR Executive Board members. As a result of the by-election, the ninth member of the TIR Executive Board could not be elected, as none of the three candidates could obtain a majority of votes.

In order to ensure compliance with the above provisions of the TIR Convention, 1975 and to avoid similar cases in the future, we consider it to be necessary to improve the procedure for the by-elections of members of the TIR Executive Board as follows.

To amend point b) of the Procedure for the election of candidates for the TIR Executive Board by adding sub point i) to read as follows:

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i) When only one person is to be elected and no candidate obtains in the first ballot the majority required, a second ballot shall be taken, which shall be restricted to the two candidates obtaining the largest number of votes. If in the second ballot the votes are equally divided, and a majority is required, the Chairman of the TIR Administrative Committee is chosen between the candidates by drawing lots.

It should be pointed out that the same rules apply during holding the elections of officials to the Chairpersons of the UN General Assembly.

We would suggest that the proposed amendments be discussed at the next session of the TIR Administrative Committee.

The State Customs Service of Ukraine avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the to the Secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)/ Sustainable Transport Section the assurance of its highest consideration.

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