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## Lebanon National Workshop

**On the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods  
under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention) and on the  
International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls  
of Goods**

**Gefinor Rotana Hotel, Beirut, 9 and 10 April 2019**

### Draft Agenda

**DAY 1: Tuesday, 9 April 2019**

**09.00 Registration – Morning Coffee**

#### Opening session

*Moderator: Mr. Abdel Hafeez Kaissi, General Director of Land & Maritime Transport, Ministry of Public Works and Transport*

**09.30 Welcome opening speeches, workshop agenda, and objectives**

**Mr. Abdel Hafeez Kaissi**, General Director of Land & Maritime Transport, Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MOPW&T), Lebanon  
**Mr. Michalis Adamantiadis**, Team Leader & Road Transport Key Expert, EuroMed TSP

#### Item I: The Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention)

**10.00 The TIR Convention objectives, principles and pillars, key provisions and governance**

- Objectives and principles
- Five TIR pillars (Vehicles' security, international guarantee, TIR carnet, customs controls recognition, controlled access)
- Scope, geographical coverage, benefits
- Roles and responsibilities of competent authorities and governance

**Mr. Andre Sceia**, TIR Secretariat, Sustainable Transport Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

**10.40 Border crossing facilitation and the TIR in the UNESCWA region, instruments in place, main challenges**

**Dr. Yarob Badr**, Regional Advisor on Transport & Logistics, UN-ESCWA-EDID

**11.00 IRU contribution on border crossing facilitation and in the functioning of the TIR system**

**Mr. Rani Wehbe**, Senior Adviser for the Middle East, International Road Transport Union, IRU



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### 11.30 Group Photo & Coffee break

### Item II: Operational issues of the TIR Convention in the region and the way ahead

*Moderator: Mr. Michalis Adamantiadis, Team Leader & Road Transport Key Expert, EuroMed TSP*

### 12.00 Current status of the implementation of the TIR in the region and eTIR *Mr. Andre Sceia*

### 12.30 Functional and technical aspects for the utilization of TIR in the region and in Lebanon *Mr. Rami Karout, International Road Transport Union, IRU*

- The international guarantee chain at international and national levels
- Key role and functions of the International organization (IRU)
- Key role and functions of the National Issuing and Guaranteeing association
- TIR Carnets Holders obligations and liability
- TIR Carnets price
- TIR IT tools

### 13.15 Questions and Answers

### 13.45 Issues affecting the utilization of TIR internationally, in the region and in Lebanon

- Internationally
- The case of Morocco and Tunisia: Conclusions of EuroMed relevant studies
- The case of Palestine
- The case of Lebanon: Authorized carnet holders, carnets issued and used, carnets terminated in Lebanon, obstacles to TIR use

**Mr. Andre Sceia/Mr. Rani Wehbe**  
**Mr. Michalis Adamantiadis**

**Representative of Palestine**  
**Representatives of Lebanese**  
**Customs Authority, CCIAB and**  
**Road Transport Operators**

### 14.45 Questions and Answers

### 15.30 Buffet lunch and end of the first day

## DAY 2: Wednesday, 10 April 2019

### Item III: The International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 21 October 1982

*Moderator: Dr. Yarob Badr, Regional Advisor on Transport & Logistics, UNESCWA-EDID*



<b>10.00</b>	<b>The Harmonization Convention Key principles</b>	<b>Mr. Andre Sceia</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key objectives</li> <li>• Scope and structure</li> <li>• Status and Geographical coverage-Role of the Convention in the Middle East</li> <li>• Key provisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Remove controls from borders, concentrate at departure/ destination</li> <li>✓ International (weighing, technical...) certificates</li> <li>✓ National coordination, transborder Cooperation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Links between Harmonization &amp; TIR Convention</li> </ul>	
<b>10.50</b>	<b>Key Benefits of the Harmonization Convention for road transport and trade</b>	<b>Mr. Rani Wehbe / CCIAB</b>
<b>11.10</b>	<b>Existing best practices and potential for the TIR and Harmonization Conventions in the region and beyond</b>	<b>Mr. A. Sceia / Mr. R. Karout/ Mr. M. Adamantiadis</b>
	South Mediterranean, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, Europe	
<b>11.45</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	
<b>12.00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>12.30</b>	<b>The League of Arab States Transit System:</b>	<b>Mr. Rani Wehbe</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Description and key principles</li> <li>- Comparison the Arab Transit and TIR</li> </ul>	
<b>Closing session</b>		
<i>Moderators: Mr. Abdel Hafeez Kaissi and Mr. Michalis Adamantiadis</i>		
<b>13.00</b>	<b>Lessons learned: Open discussion-last questions</b>	<b>All participants</b>
<b>14.00</b>	<b>Concluding remarks and the way forward</b>	<b>R. Karout, R. Wehbe, Y. Badr, A. Sceia, M. Adamantiadis, A.H. Kaissi</b>
<b>15.00</b>	<b>Delivery of Certificates closure</b>	<b>R. Wehbe, Y. Badr, A. Sceia, M. Adamantiadis, A.H. Kaissi</b>
<b>15.30</b>	<b>Buffet lunch, end of the second day and of the workshop</b>	