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European Commission
Mrs. Adina Ioana VĂLEAN, Commissioner for Transport

Ref.: request for EC urgent intervention – humanitarian transports of refugees waiting for many hours in inhuman conditions at HU-RO borders

Dear Mrs. Commissioner, Dear Mrs. Valean,

The National Union of Road Hauliers from Romania (UNTRR) would like to signalize the infernal long waiting times at the Hungarian-Romanian borders affecting refugee families and children transported by Romanian coaches, which are blocked at Hungarian customs for very many hours without food, water and any assistance for the fulfilment of their basic needs.

Since many years, UNTRR has been signalizing to Romanian and Hungarian authorities the problem with the long queues at Romanian-Hungarian borders, despite of being EU internal borders. Last year, UNTRR continued to express its concerns regarding the constant situation at the border crossing points between Romania and Hungary, especially the very long waiting times which affect all road hauliers and professional drivers at the Hungarian customs. Romanian hauliers complain that situation is getting worse every day and there are waiting times at the border crossing points between Romania and Hungary, which often exceed 12 hours and the queues of commercial vehicles are more than 20 km.

The situation became critical now in the context of the war in Ukraine, as Romanian transport companies involved in humanitarian transport of refugees complain that the incredibly long waiting times at the Romanian – Hungarian border crossing have been recurrent, despite all our efforts and interventions to the national authorities.

At Nadlac customs, Romanian coaches transporting refugee families with children have been waiting for more than 10 hours this week in inhuman conditions, without any type of water or food provided, contrary to [EC Information for people fleeing the war in Ukraine](#) concerning Member States' border checks, stating that *the refugees are entitled to immediate assistance, including the fulfilment of their basic needs such as food and medicine.*

May we signalize to the EC that there are coaches blocked today at the Hungarian customs, asking for urgent intervention.

In this critical situation, we kindly ask the European Commission to undertake urgent measures in coordination with the Romanian and Hungarian authorities in order to reduce waiting times at the border crossing points between Romania and Hungary and facilitate the humanitarian transports.

Expressing our trust in your support, we thank you and assure you of our highest consideration.

Secretary General
Radu DINESCU

