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EUROPEAN COMMISSION - EC
Mrs. Violeta BULC - COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT

Dear Mrs. Bulc,

Last year, in the context of EC's Public consultation on the review of the regulations on the access to the occupation of road hauliers and access to the international road haulage market, UNTRR has expressed concerns that EC objectives of possible interventions target rather to limit more the cabotage operations within the EU and we **asked you to re-confirm the EC goal of road transport liberalisation by removal of restrictions on cabotage and the specific measures considered by the EC within the time horizon of the current Transport White Paper, until 2020.**

Regretfully, by your reply letter, The EU Commissioner for Transport could not re-confirm the EC goal of road transport liberalization until 2020, saying that given the current consultation process, you couldn't inform us what EC' final aim is - although the liberalization goal is stated by the current Transport White Paper of the EC.

Consequently, UNTRR involved actively in the consultation process by written contributions to EC public consultations for the revision of the regulations on access to the occupation and to the market, as well as for the revision of social legislation on road transport.

This year, we were deeply disappointed to learn from the impact assessments which were carried out by consultants on behalf of the EC that the proposed policy options analyzed by the Commission **did not consider the proposals submitted by our association during the public consultations**, but seem to approach directly the agenda of the Road Alliance recently established by 8 "Western" EU Governments in Paris on 31 January 2017

- **Despite the joint letter of 11 "Eastern" EU Governments (2016)** to the EC against fragmentation of transport market in the EU, asking EC to take action against protectionist measures which restrict road transport operations including cabotage, regulate drivers' salaries, and order the drivers to spend their rest periods at hotels
- **Despite the Joint Declarations of 11 EU road transport associations (2016), supported by 3 non-EU associations and by protest actions in Bruxelles(2015,2016) and several EU capitals(2015,2016)** asking European Commission to take urgent action against protectionist measures escalation in Western EU Member States
- **Despite EC latest Report on the State of the EU Road Haulage Market(2014)- Task B: Analyse the State of the European Road Haulage Market, Including an Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Controls and the Degree of Harmonisation and its overall conclusion that "future market opening will be possible, and beneficial, as the potential and harmful competition is reduced by improved enforcement of regulation, further harmonisation of employment conditions and costs and future reforms in road charging."**

Despite all the above mentioned, EC proposed policy options seem to approach mainly the interest of 8 Western EU Member States, just "simulating" a public consultation of all the EU stakeholders from all the 28 EU Member States. We are highly dissatisfied with this manipulation from the European Commission through its public questionnaires prepared and formulated only with a view to achieve the results desired by Western EU Member States.

We ask EC to revise its public questionnaires and proposed policy options in order to reflect ALL EU Member States' concerns and clarify if EU is still heading towards a Single European Transport Area and within what horizon of time.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary General
Radu DINESCU

