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**EMBASSY OF GERMANY IN ROMANIA**  
**To the attention of Mr. Cord Meier-Klodt - Ambassador**

***Ref. protest against German ban on the regular weekly rest in the cabin***

**Your Excellency, Mr. Ambassador,**

The National Union of Road Hauliers from Romania – UNTRR is the professional and employers' association of Romanian road transport industry and we have assumed the mission to be its main representative in the dialogue with the relevant authorities for our field of activity. UNTRR has been established in 1990 and we have registered as members more than 14 000 Romanian companies performing national and international road transport of goods and passengers.

UNTRR is seriously concerned with the increasing protectionism of Germany, a founding Member State of the EU and also as an important commercial partner of Romania. Our association protests hereby against the recent German law prohibiting professional drivers to spend the regular weekly rest in the cabin of commercial transport vehicles, which entered into force this week. In this respect, please find annexed hereby our letter sent to Mr. Alexander DOBRINDT, Federal Minister of Transport and Digital Infrastructure, asking to immediately withdraw this protectionist law, which is against the provisions of the EU rules and highly affects the activity of our members, Romanian road transport companies.

Romanian road transport industry is revolted being faced with increasing protectionist measures, which affect the fundamental values of the EU single market, such as the free movement of services and goods. In this moment of crossroads for the future of the EU, our countries are stronger if united and this can only be achieved by enforcing common, and not diverging EU rules in order to build a competitive Europe.

**We kindly ask Your Excellency to address our concerns to the German Government, calling for immediate withdrawal of this protectionist measure against international road transport operators.**

On this occasion, please receive, Your Excellency, the expression of our highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

**Secretary General**

**Radu DINESCU**

