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EMBASSY OF GERMANY IN ROMANIA
H.E. MR WERNER HANS LAUK - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

Your Excellency, Mr. Ambassador,

The National Union of Road Hauliers from Romania (UNTRR) would like to inform you hereby concerning the **protest action to be organized by our association and its members on 18 March 2015 at 10.00 a.m. in front of the German Embassy in Bucharest, against the application of German minimum wage law - MiLoG to Romanian road transport companies.** Our protest will be followed by a similar action to the French Embassy in Bucharest, at the same date. Both actions are authorized by the Bucharest City Hall. UNTRR is acting in coordination with other road hauliers associations in the Eastern Europe like our sister association ZMPD-Poland, having recently held similar protests in front of German and French Embassies in Warsaw.

Our protest action reflects the increasing anxiety of Romanian companies and our association's dissatisfaction with the lack of information and responsiveness from German Government to Romanian road transport industry problems related to MiLoG application.

Despite all of our association's interventions addressed to the Embassy of Germany in Romania and directly to the German Government and also the common letter signed by high officials of Romanian Government together with high governmental officials of another 10 European Members States addressing to the German Government serious concerns on the impact to the EU transport sector of the Minimum Wage Act adopted by the Federal Republic of Germany, the German Government still maintains the application of MiLoG to international road transport operations and cabotage and moreover, the German Customs - as the enforcement authority for MiLoG hasn't provided us until now with the necessary information concerning the calculation of the minimum wage for Romanian drivers, the elements of this minimum wage considering also the Romanian legislation and the relevant documents to prove the payment of German minimum wage by the Romanian hauliers to their drivers.

This lack of information increases the uncertainty for our members – Romanian road transport companies having to comply with additional labor legislation to the Romanian and EU regulations, imposed abusively by your country without proper information but with extremely high fines of up to 500.000 Euro in the case of no compliance!

These protectionist actions taken by German Government are severely affecting the freedom to provide services on the European market – a fundamental principle of the European Union and its Single Market. In this dangerous approach, EU is going towards self-destruction. EU is more powerful united than divided and it is very important to realize this until it is not too late.

The purpose of our protest action is to raise the awareness of German Government on all the above mentioned challenges faced by Romanian hauliers concerning the MiLoG application and with this occasion, we would like to propose Your Excellency, as the highest representative of German Government in Romania, to accept a meeting with an UNTRR delegation representing the protesters, in order to explain our problems and to identify together the most appropriate solutions.

Expressing our trust in this meeting, we are looking forward to receiving your reply and assure you of our highest consideration,

Secretary General
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