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Dear Radu Dinescu

Ref: Fundamental questions about the EU Mobility Package & UNTRR manifesto

Thank you for your letter of 25 May 2018 to the Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling, about the UNTRR's views on the EU Mobility Package. I have been asked to respond as my team deals with this policy area in the Department for Transport.

Like the interventions of other ministers at the Transport Council of 7th June Mr Grayling's contribution was recorded at the time. We are disappointed more progress was not possible then. However we appreciate there are major issues at stake.

The UK Government is broadly supportive of the EU Mobility Package and its aims of improving the functioning of the road haulage market by making enforcement easier, existing rules clearer, and roads safer. However, any changes to current rules need to be workable, proportionate and of clear benefit to all, without jeopardising road safety or driver welfare.

The views and concerns of the UNTRR on the proposals in the EU Mobility Package have been noted. The UK Government will continue to be constructive and to help to find balanced solutions in the remaining negotiations. We are open to technical discussions with other national governments including yours, as the negotiations continue.

For the future relationship between the UK and the EU, the UK would like a continued liberalised road transport market, as illustrated by the attached slide pack, particularly slides 17 to 19.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/714676/Framework_for_the_UK-EU_partnership_Transport.pdf

Yours sincerely

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