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EMBASSY OF FRANCE IN ROMANIA
H.E. FRANÇOIS SAINT-PAUL - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

Your Excellency, Mr. Ambassador,

Following our letter No.909/13.03.2015, the National Union of Road Hauliers from Romania (UNTRR) organizes today, 18.03.2015 a **protest action against the neo-protectionist measures undertaken recently by your country - huge fines for spending weekly rest in the truck, targeting foreign/Eastern drivers more than French drivers who normally spend their weekly rest home and recently a French minimum wage to be applied to Romanian road transport companies accused of "social dumping", although this allegation is misused as it is not about an unfair practice but about a consequence of different living and social standards within EU.**

If analyzing the real situation on EU transport market, the authorities of your country would understand that **Eastern hauliers don't take French citizens' jobs, but do their jobs!**

The protectionist actions undertaken by French Government are severely affecting the **freedom to provide services in EU – a fundamental principle of the EU Single Market.**

The purpose of our protest action is to raise the awareness of French authorities on the challenges faced by Romanian hauliers as a consequence of French protectionist measures, affecting not only Romanian road transport industry but also EU's unity and its competitiveness on the global market.

On this occasion, we kindly ask you to convey our messages to the French Presidency and Government, by UNTRR letters annexed hereby, informing them on our protest against French protectionist legislation affecting Romanian transport companies:

- UNTRR letter no. 983/17.03.2015 addressed to H.E. François Hollande - **President of the French Republic**
- UNTRR letter no. 984/17.03.2015 addressed to Mr. François Rebsamen - **Minister of Labor, Employment, Vocational Training and Social Dialogue**
- UNTRR letter no.986/17.03.2015 addressed to Mr. Emmanuel Macron - **Minister of The Economy, Industry and The Digital Sector**
- UNTRR letter no. 985/17.03.2015 addressed to Mr. Alain Vidalies – **Minister of State for Transport, Marine Affairs and Fisheries.**

Trusting that the French authorities will undertake the necessary measures to urgently solve this critical situation, may we thank you for your kind cooperation and assure you of our highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,


Secretary General
Radu DINESCU

