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**Subject: Call for re-assessment of Mobility Package 1 in view of COVID-19 pandemic**

Dear Mr Vasilevskis,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 30 April 2020 to Director-General Henrik Hololei, where you express the joint position of several industry associations concerning the adoption of the social and market pillar of Mobility Package I. Mr. Hololei asked me to reply to you.

As you know, the Commission accepted the political agreement reached by the European Parliament and the Council in December 2019. Many of the new rules will benefit both workers and employers. They will improve working and social conditions for drivers, which will render the profession more attractive and help tackle driver shortage. They will also lead to fairer conditions of competition between operators. The Commission therefore sees no reason for the co-legislators to delay the entry into force of these initiatives.

This being said, the Commission has reservations concerning two measures included in the political agreement, namely the obligation for the regular return of the trucks to the Member State of establishment of the operators and the possibility for Member States to apply cabotage restrictions to the national road legs of combined transport operations. That is why it adopted a declaration, stating that it would carry out an assessment of their impacts to determine if they are compatible with the Green Deal objectives.

The date of application of most of the new rules contained in the social and market pillar of Mobility Package I is 18 months after its entry into force. The Directorate-General for

Mobility and Transport is currently launching an assessment of the impacts of the two above-mentioned measures notably on the environment, the internal market and road safety. The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the sector will be factored into this analysis.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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