

To the kind attention of:

Mr. Antonio TAJANI, President of the European Parliament

Mr. Manfred WEBER, Chairmar of the Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

Mr. Udo BULLMANN, President of Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

Mr. Syed KAMALL and Mr. Ryszard LEGUTKO, Co-Chairmen of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group

Mr. Guy VERHOFSTADT, President of the Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

Mrs. Gabriele ZIMMER, President of the Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left

Mrs. Rebecca HARMS and Mr. Philippe LAMBERTS, Co-Presidents of the Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

Mr. Nigel FARAGE and Mr. David BORRELLI, Co-Presidents of the Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy Group

Mr. Nicolas BAY and Mr. Marcel de GRAAFF, Co-Presidents of the Europe of Nations and Freedom Group

Subject: European hauliers call to leave the Mobility Package 1 to the next EP

Dear Presidents,

International road transport hauliers representing Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland and Romania call upon you to take into account thoroughly the case of hauliers from peripheral and other EU Member States in taking the upcoming decision on the Mobility Package 1 within the Conference of President that would affect all of us in a disproportionately negative way.

We cannot accept proposals that have nothing to do with the expected fair, balanced and evidence-based approach. The current debates are going in a politicised, populist and even in a radical way ahead of the European elections without making an impact assessment of the proposed measures to be imposed on industries, consumers and EU Member States.

We protest against these proposals as they are discriminatory, raising barriers in road transport with tremendous effects, causing great administrative, organizational and financial burden as well as fragmentation of the European market of transport services. The proposals are not to reach the declared goals but only worsen road transport performance and cause dramatic costs of compliance as well as distorted competitiveness and exclusion from the EU market. Moreover, the EU hauliers working in a stiff competition with third-country operators would be the most negatively affected as the Mobility Package 1 is inapplicable to non-EU hauliers.

The protectionist measures such as: i) the application of posting to the international road transport with all the accompanying administrative requirements ii) weekly rest in vehicles ban without adequate parking infrastructure iii) obligatory return home of trucks iv) overrestricted cabotage market – all of these are evident violations of the fundamental freedoms, the Single Market and the EU environmental policy.

The undersigned associations have been looking forward for a well-balanced as well as economically, socially and environmentally substantiated decisions. In their absence, anticipating significant damage to both drivers and hauliers, we call on the Conference of the Presidents to leave the Mobility Package 1 to the next European Parliament.

Signatories:

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LINAVA

The Lithuanian National Road Carriers Association



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UNTRR

The National Union of Road Hauliers from Romania



Uniunea Națională a Transportatorilor Rutieri din România

The National Union of Road Hauliers from Romania

MKFE

The Hungarian Road Transport Association



Hungarian Road Transport Association

LATVIJAS AUTO

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