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SECTORAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE ROAD TRANSPORT

Working group meeting "Logistics", 30 April 2009

Concise minutes

The meeting was chaired by Mr Causse (employers).

Training and employment for non-mobile logistics workers in road transport

The social partners discussed a draft joint text (dating from 26 April 2009) point by point, with a view to agree in principle upon a project proposal on training and employment for non-mobile logistics workers in road transport.

It was agreed to inverse points 1 and 2 of the overall objectives. Points 3 and 4 were also thoroughly discussed, in particular the term "best practices", the reference to collective agreements and the need or not to refer to new legal obligations. In conclusion, the points now read:

"3. To identify good practices concerning training in logistics."

"4. Not to seek the establishment of new legal obligations for the training of these workers, but rather to identify any good training and employment practices reached by any means, without precluding any outcome of the project agreed by both parties. And to maintain a manageable balance for the project by focusing on 'blue collar' workers in this field."

On the more technical side, small changes were made in steps 1 and 2 of II and in the objectives and steps of III. The final document was established together on the screen with tracked changes.

Crisis in European Road Transport

Both sides of industry considered that it would be necessary to issue a joint statement on how to come out of the crisis. ETF stressed that the impact of the crisis would not touch all segments of the industry in the same way. This should be taken into account when discussing a joint text. IRU informed the workers' side on the press releases and resolutions from their side and expressed its disappointment with the outcome of DG TREN's hearing on the impact of the economic recession on the road transport market (20 April).

The parties discussed possible points to be addressed in the joint paper: investment in the future, no price and social dumping, future sustainability of the sector (less dependent on external factors, environment), retaining the workers in the sector. For IRU, it was in addition important to reduce costs in general (taxes, road infrastructure charging). This latter point was problematic for ETF and would have to be checked with the other ETF sections representing other transport modes. In the workers' view, a possible moratorium on new external charges would in any case have to be limited in time.

It was agreed that the secretariats find a common text proposal by the end of next week.

Freight Transport Logistics Action Plan

Ms Lardi (DG TREN B/3) informed the parties about the current state of affairs regarding the Action Plan (COM/2007/607). A meeting with IRU and ETF representatives had taken place before where the relevant subjects had been discussed. The social partners now presented an overview of what they would like to do in their joint project, as decided during today's meeting. The Commission representative announced she would inform her new superior about the work and proposed to continue a regular discussion with the social partners' secretariats.

Any other business

IRU reported that it had released recommendations on what could be done in the sector to prevent influenza A/H1N1. The document would be sent to ETF for information.

The next social dialogue meeting is planned for 2 July 2009 (whole day).

Annex: List of participants 30.4.2009

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