



Brussels, 7 December 2012

**SECTORAL DIALOGUE
COMMITTEE
ROAD TRANSPORT**

**Concise minutes of the plenary meeting
24 October 2012**

The meeting was chaired by Mr Sugic (workers, chairman of the committee). IRU introduced Mr Viccars' successor as Head of Social Affairs, Mr Nemec, who had been the CZ transport attaché in the Council before. The agenda was adopted.

1. Activities of the Urban Public Transport Working Group

Mr Dekindt informed the plenary meeting about the activities of the group (see draft minutes of the meeting of 25 September 2012). Two joint recommendations were currently under preparation: on women employment in urban public transport sector, and on drivers' training. A more detailed slide presentation was distributed after the meeting.

2. Work programme 2013-2014

The secretariats presented the draft work programme for the next two years. It was largely based on the previous work programme. IRU reiterated its call that the part on urban public transport (point 7) should be filled in and adopted by the committee. This would avoid duplication. IRU had no remarks on the other 6 points. ETF said that point 7 should contain at least the organisation of a joint conference on women employment in urban public transport, during which the results of the WISE project¹ would be presented and the above-mentioned recommendations would be adopted. The secretariats committed to complete the work programme table by 7 December (date of the next social dialogue meeting).

3. Agreement on STARTS project recommendations

IRU announced that they were ready to sign the "STARTS project² steering committee conclusions and recommendations" as they stood now. The social partners should also call on the Commission to publish the different deadlines/derogations from Member States with regard to drivers' training. ETF confirmed that the document would become a document of the European sectoral social partners and that the title would be changed accordingly. The signatory parties should send the recommendations together with a joint

¹ <http://wise-project.net/pages/index1.html>

² http://starts.iru.org/index/en_home

letter to the Commission, MEPs etc. The social partners should also agree on how to concretely do the follow-up.

4. Agreement on a joint statement on the Transport White Paper

The parties were close to an agreement but still had to settle some issues (for IRU: delete the reference to a social code; for ETF: problem with the use of "proportionate" penalties since this was already in the legislation). Finally, IRU and ETF could agree on a slightly amended version which would also be sent accompanied by a joint letter to the addressees of the statement.

5. Reflection on issues related to the HLG Report

Both sides of industry considered it important to react to the High Level Group Report on the Development of the EU Road Haulage Market published in June 2012³. As a follow-up to the report, the Commission was now carrying out a number of stakeholder workshops on the review of Regulation 1072/2009 on access to the international road haulage market. IRU considered that the enforceability of cabotage rules was key. The rules proposed by the HLG experts would not necessarily be more enforceable than the existing ones. IRU proposed to look together at the discussion paper drafted by DG MOVE in preparation of the workshops, once ETF would have attended its workshop. Both IRU and ETF found it surprising that they had not been invited to the same workshop. ETF supported the idea of trying to come to a joint social partner response. ETF considered that the current rules were enforceable; one should avoid that non-enforcement de facto lead to a complete liberalisation of cabotage, which would be detrimental to fair competition. IRU also stated that the current rules were enforceable and that it depended on the will to dedicate resources to ensure proper enforcement. It was agreed that the secretariats would liaise after ETF's workshop attendance.

6. Consideration of items for the next meeting

The following items were considered: cabotage in the context of the HLG Report; digital tachograph; information on the European Register of Road Transport Undertakings (ERRU); evaluation of the 2011-2012 work programme; and an exchange on the Judgement of the ECJ case "C-29/10 – Koelzsch"⁴. The social partners also decided to address the issue of workplace ergonomics at their first meeting in 2013.

7. Any other business

The Commission representative announced the tentative meeting planning for next year. She referred to Mr Tricart's letter of 17 October 2012 regarding the need to further improve the way to organise and support EU social dialogue (new rules on the organisation of the meetings). She also announced the thematic Liason Forum on EU social dialogue outcomes and policy impact, to be held on 3 December 2012. She also announced that one of the representativeness studies to be launched by the Commission in 2013 would be on road transport and logistics (the last study dated from 2004).

³ <http://ec.europa.eu/transport/road/doc/2012-06-high-level-group-report-final-report.pdf>

⁴ <http://curia.europa.eu/juris/liste.jsf?language=en&num=C-29/10>

Participants 24.10.2012

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