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**Social Dialogue, Industrial Relations**

### SECTORAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE ROAD TRANSPORT

#### **Working group meeting "Social legislation" 14 September 2007**

#### **Concise minutes**

The meeting was chaired by Mr Causse (employers). The agenda and the minutes of the last meeting were adopted.

#### **Discussion of social issues arising from cabotage and access to the road transport market legislation, including the Posting of Workers Directive**

ETF informed the meeting that at its last road section meeting of 4 September, it had received the mandate to discuss cabotage. IRU informed the workers' side that posting of workers was a difficult issue for the organisation, and that it did not have an internal view yet. IRU invited ETF to present its view on cabotage and posting of workers, which would allow the next IRU social affairs meeting to work with ETF's view in mind.

Since the rules on posting were not the same in all Member States (implementation of a directive<sup>1</sup>), ETF pleaded for a common minimum rule for the sector. One of the objectives of cabotage was to avoid that lorries have to leave the Member-State empty. Another problem was the lack of control of cabotage, and few Member States applied the posting of workers directive to road transport/cabotage. IRU wondered whether other means would be more efficient to avoid unfair competition than the posting of workers directive.

In ETF's view, there was agreement with the employers' side that clear rules were needed and that competition should be fair.

ETF announced their Road Transport Action Day of 15 October, which would also address cabotage.

It was agreed that IRU would inform ETF about the result of its next social affairs committee.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:31996L0071:EN:NOT>

Annex: List of participants 14.9.2007

<p><u>Employers</u></p> <p>Ms Antignac (AFTRI) Mr Bundgaard (DB) Mr Causse (FNTR) Mr Csanyi (MKFE) Mr Henry (FNTV) Mr Kramer (TLN) Mr Larsen (DTL) Ms López Leza (ASTIC) Ms Maître (FNTR) Mr Mannaerts (FBAA) Ms Pogonowska-Szuszkiewicz (ZMPD) Mr Saile (BGL) Ms Vasarainen (ALT) Mr Viccars (IRU) Mr Yarsley (FTA)</p>	<p><u>Workers</u></p> <p>Ms Hertogs (ETF) Mr Lewington (TGWU) Mr Parrillo (CSC Transcom) Mr Wennberg (Swedish Transport Workers Union)</p>
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