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SECTORAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE ROAD TRANSPORT

Working group meeting

30 September 2008

Concise minutes

The meeting was chaired by Mr Sugic (workers).

Improved rest facilities

The parties agreed to revitalise their work on the subject and to distinguish the political from the practical side of the work. The subject will be put on the next work programme and would be more focussed than in the past.

Driving and rest time rules

For IRU, it would be important to monitor what happens with the guidance notes produced by the Commission's legal working group. The employers also thought that the EU leave letter gave room for improvement. Thirdly, IRU suggested to jointly address the Commission to allow drivers to spend regular weekly rest in the vehicle if it is properly equipped.

For ETF, the latter point was not acceptable. As far as the two other proposals were concerned, ETF was ready to work on them.

Follow-up of the joint recommendations on employment and training in logistics

ETF proposed some areas of future activity in the logistics sector which they considered being 80% transport and 20% other services: follow-up to the Novalog project, inventory of EU logistics, mapping exercise, definition of logistics, list of logistics professions, training requirements, etc. The social partners should positively respond to DG TREN's offer to cooperate within the context of the Logistics Action Plan.

IRU was ready to work on the joint recommendations (training and life long learning), which should be done in the logistics working group. The employers' side agreed that the

road transport sector should take the leadership role for logistics. This could be expressed jointly at the next plenary meeting¹.

Information by DG TREN

The Commission representatives presented the European Directive on road infrastructure safety management and DG TREN's priorities 2009 important for road transport (including the planned proposal and impact assessment regarding the modification of the directive on working time in road transport, see respective slide presentations). The Q&A session touched, amongst others, upon the following subjects: guidelines for rest facilities, vehicles with less than 3.5 tons, the main reasons for road accidents, the SETSOP project, the digital tachograph, and the definition of self-employed drivers.

Work programme

The social partners had a preliminary discussion on their new work programme. Each side presented its priorities. The part on local public transport would also be part of the committee's work programme. The work programme 2009-2010 would be adopted at the plenary meeting.

Any other business

IRU referred to the implementation of the driver training directive which was in force for passenger transport since 10 September 2008. Apparently, some Member States had not yet started issuing the driver cards, which was a problem during road side checks. Therefore, IRU had put a questionnaire to its members, and possibly some elements could be incorporated in the planned project on driver training. ETF acknowledged that the transition was difficult but thought that at the long term, the drivers directive went in the right direction.

¹ IRU and ETF issued a joint press release on social dialogue on logistics on 2 December 2008.

Annex: List of participants 30.9.2008

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