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Dear Umberto,

Mrs. Umberto de Pretto

Secretary General

International Road Transport Union

Dear Umberto,

In connection to my previous letter on the German minimum wage in transport let me now draw your attention to new legislative initiative planned to be implemented in France.

According to the proposed regulation, which is now proceeded by the French Parliament, the minimum wage will be 9,61 EUR and will concern transport to/from France as well as the cabotage. The rules will more less follow the German legislation in this regards with one additional element – the requirement to establish a representative or an authorised agent in France. The maximum fine for not applying the minimum wage legislation will be 3750 EUR.

I already expressed our great concerns regarding serious consequences the German legislation brings to the international transport. Our fears unfortunately confirmed and all transports to/from/within Germany are now subject to these requirements. The impact on transport is enormous and cannot be considered from the Germany perspective only but mainly from the European level.

Our transport companies are facing the problem of lack of practical guidelines for the minimum wage calculation. They are obliged to fallow the Polish rules in this regards and now also the minimum wage requirements introduced by other Member States. This doubles their operational costs and places national carriers in more privileged position. There is great additional administrative burden and extra costs we have to cover due to implemented German and planned French formalities. What is unfair and cannot be accepted is the fact that these countries are imposing the minimum wage ignoring completely the economic reality of other countries. This is as an obvious example of national protectionism within the European

Union and new barrier in the UE trade. Such a legislation simply limits free competition and the basic EU freedom of providing services.

We are now really threatened that the lack of explicit actions from the European institutions may only encourage next Member States to follow Germany and France. This will simply destroy the European transport market.

As we are not sure what is the scope of the French legislation, have no practical information on its application and execution I kindly ask you to intervene within the French administration and the European institutions. The issue is of great importance and your assistance is very required and would be appreciated by the Polish transport industry.

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With kind regards,

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Jan Buczek

ZMPD President