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Dear Colleagues,

We would hereby like to inform you about the strikes Greek hauliers are starting on Thursday 4/2/16. After at least five years during which road haulage operators in Greece have been suffering, both by the economic crisis affecting our national economy, and by the wrong and arbitrary handling of the Greek State, today, having exhausted all room for tolerance and patience and on the brink of our total professional annihilation, the time has come for Greek hauliers to rise up and claim their legitimate right to work.

The importance of road transport is huge for the economy of any country, and especially necessary for an economy such as Greece's, which has been plagued for years. It is a moral obligation of every Greek haulier to continue to work under these adverse conditions in the country, providing jobs, striving for openness in the economy and paying taxes, in order to contribute to the efforts to restart our national economy. However, it is equally an obligation of each Government to uphold and safeguard the interests of its hauliers. This is far from the current Greek reality and the time has now come for us to defend ourselves.

In the context of solidarity and fair competition, we ask you to support this effort of Greek hauliers, to vindicate the struggle of your Greek colleagues. We ask you to inform your members about the strikes in Greece and to call them to refrain from any transport operations from/to Greece for as long as the strikes go on. The sustainability of the road transport sector in Greece is not exclusively a Greek matter. In an international market, we are all colleagues and we should support each other to ensure the uninterrupted and orderly functioning of the supply chain in general.

We hope for the understanding of the above and count on your support for our efforts. During the strike, there will be an escalation of protests in our country's border crossing points and there will be strong opposition to any attempts to disturb and disrupt our efforts.

Let's join forces for a fair and harmonised market, for fair international trade.

Thank you very much in advance.

With collegial greetings

The President

The Gen.Secretary


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