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invitation letters
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**For the attention of the Transport Attachés within the Permanent Representations of
the European Union**

**Subject: Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) Action Plan – Open Workshop on
26 March 2008 and invitation to provide final input**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to invite you to be represented at an Open Workshop related to the consultation on the ITS Action Plan currently being drafted by the Commission services. The meeting is scheduled for **March, 26 from 10.00 until 17.00 (Charlemagne building/ Room Alcide de Gasperi (S3), rue de la Loi, 170 - 1040 Brussels)**, and will allow to present the initiative and its current state of progress. Simultaneous interpretation will be available in English, French and German. A draft agenda is attached.

As announced in the Mid-term review of the 2001 White Paper on Transport Policy "Keep Europe Moving", the Commission Services are preparing an Action Plan on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) on Roads. This initiative, which is scheduled to be the subject of a Commission Communication during the summer, is meant to identify the contribution which ITS can make for improving road transport efficiency and safety, and for reducing the negative impacts of transport on the environment. Some solutions will as well foster modal shift, or are expected to improve energy efficiency in the transport system or to deliver mechanisms for correctly incorporating external costs into the system.

In order to determine appropriate measures and targeted actions for tackling this situation, five Commission Directorates (*) have joined forces with a view to identifying the precise problem areas, to deciding on required actions, to aligning the available instruments at EU level and to fostering market take-up.

The meeting will enable Member States, stakeholders and other interested parties to make a final contribution to this initiative.

In case you or your representative would intend to attend, please confirm your participation by mail **before 19 March 2008** to:

TREN-WORKSHOP-ITS@ec.europa.eu

Additional details and preparatory documents will be sent out in the coming days to all nominatively registered attendees.

We would like as well to draw your attention to the Public Internet Consultation on the ITS Action Plan that currently can be consulted via http://ec.europa.eu/transport/road/consultations/index_en.htm

The usual Commission rules regarding the reimbursement of officials from the Member States participating at meetings shall apply. The travel costs incurred by one expert per Member State will be borne by the Commission within the limits of its regulations. Reimbursement will only be possible upon presentation of the original ticket, as well as boarding passes where appropriate. Payment is only guaranteed if each expert produces the documentation requested as well as duly completes the expenses form (including correct bank information) at the beginning of the meeting.

Once again, it is my pleasure to invite you, on behalf of the five Directorates involved, to attend and to co-operate in this phase of the process which will also provide important input to the related impact assessment.

Yours sincerely,



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(*) involved Commission Directorates: DG Enterprise and Industry F, DG Environment C, DG Information Society and Media G, DG Research H and DG Energy and Transport G

Enclosed: draft agenda

Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) Action Plan – Open Workshop

26 March 2008 (10.00 - 17.00)

**Charlemagne building/ Room ALCIDE DE GASPERI (S3), rue de la Loi, 170 -
1040 Brussels**

Draft agenda

1. Introduction
2. State of progress in the preparation of the ITS action plan (and discussion)
3. Outcome of the previous consultations of ITS stakeholders

4. Analysis and first exchanges on the content of the draft Action Plan (and discussion)
5. Results from the impact assessment process
6. General discussion