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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Országgyűlés for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 as regards minimum requirements on maximum daily and weekly driving times, minimum breaks and daily and weekly rest periods and Regulation (EU) 165/2014 as regards positioning by means of tachographs, {COM(2017) 277 final} and on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2006/22/EC as regards enforcement requirements and laying down specific rules with respect to Directive 96/71/EC and Directive 2014/67/EU for posting drivers in the road transport sector {COM(2017) 278 final}.

The Commission considers that these proposals provide a balance between improving working and resting conditions for drivers and the smooth functioning of the Single Market.

It recalls that the Posting of Workers Directive<sup>1</sup> applies to all sectors, including road transport. The highly mobile nature of road transport is not a reason to deprive workers from social protection. With the introduction of the sector specific rules, the Commission has taken into account the mobile nature of the drivers and has also proposed to simplify administrative requirements which would contribute to significantly reduce administrative costs. The Commission considers that the proposal represents a balanced approach of drivers' rights to adequate pay and the costs for operators.

On the driving and rest time provisions, the Commission shares the Országgyűlés' concerns as regards insufficient safe and secure parking spaces. In this respect, the Commission is carrying out a study that should define an action plan with the objective of creating the right framework for authorities and private developers who wish to establish safe and secure parking places.

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<sup>1</sup> Directive 96/71/EC.

*These clarifications are based on the proposals adopted by the Commission on 31 May 2017, which are currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council.*

*Discussions started in the Council Working Group under the Estonian Presidency and have resumed under the Bulgarian Presidency. The Commission is working closely with the Presidency to identify the main issues where Member States' opinions are divided and to facilitate discussions.*

*The Commission hopes that the clarifications provided in this reply address the issues raised by the Országgyűlés and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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