

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

The Director-General

Brussels, EMPL/MOVE/EP 3068148

## FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE SOCIAL PARTNERS ORGANISATIONS

**Subject:** 

First phase Consultation of the Social Partners on a possible revision

of the Road Transport Working Time Directive (Directive

2002/15/EC)

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Directive 2002/15/EC on the organisation of the working time of persons performing mobile road transport activities, commonly known as the 'Road Transport Working Time Directive', has been subject to the ex-post evaluation under the regulatory fitness programme (REFIT).

On the basis of the findings of this evaluation and the public consultation related to the enhancement of the social legislation in road transport, the Commission Work Programme 2017 announced a REFIT revision of the social legislation in road transport, including the Road Transport Working Time Directive.

In this context, the Commission would like to identify possibilities to improve certain provisions of the Directive related to the working conditions of mobile road transport, based on this consultation of the social partners under Article 154 TFEU.

The consultation document attached to this letter identifies some key issues pertaining to working conditions, and requests your views on whether improvements to the current EU legislative framework should be made. It also asks if you would consider initiating a dialogue under Article 155 TFEU on any of the issues identified.

This initiative is one of the initiatives accompanying the Clean Connected and Competitive Mobility Package adopted on 31 May 2017.

I would be grateful to receive your responses to this consultation by 12 July 2017.

Please send your replies to <u>EMPL-SOCIAL-DIALOGUE@ec.europa.eu</u> and <u>MOVE-SOCIAL-DIALOGUE@ec.europa.eu</u>. Should you have any particular questions related to the consultation document please contact Mrs Ewa PTASZYNSKA in DG MOVE, e-mail: <u>ewa.ptaszynska@ec.europa.eu</u>.

Yours faithfully,

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Annex:

First phase Consultation Document