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Dear Mr President,

**July Plenary vote on Mobility package 1:
Exemption of international transport operations from posting rules**

BusinessEurope has been closely following the developments in negotiations on the Mobility package 1, one from the series of the Commission's political and legislative initiatives to achieve clean, fair and efficient transport sector fit for the 21st century.

The package's proposals on internal market and social aspects, such as rules on cabotage in road transport, driving and rest times, as well as posting of drivers receive high attention, and BusinessEurope would like to constructively contribute on one specific issue in this sensitive debate which could undermine the necessary balance on the package.

European businesses support the efforts in designing the rules that would both foster efficiency and innovation in transport solutions and ensure the necessary level-playing field with adequate social conditions for the employed in the sector. However, the flexibility and balance are really needed, and the latest debate in the June Plenary that overthrew the committee decision was worrying in this regard.

BusinessEurope, representing both service providers in the sector and European businesses at large as users of transport services, would like to reiterate its position on **the importance of excluding international transport operations (transit, bi-lateral and cross-trade) from the posting of workers rules**. It is important to understand that this limited exclusion on specific operations concerns the drivers that should not be



considered as posted in a Member State as they simply cross different countries because of the mobile nature of international transport operations.

Exclusion of international transport operations from the posting rules is a matter of competitiveness of the European logistics and industry at large, a seamless functioning of the value chains. Given tense global situation in terms of trade relations, it is even more important to maintain the right balance in the regulatory framework for European companies.

We trust in your support and stand ready to cooperate on this extremely important exemption.

Yours sincerely,

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