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The Latvian Presidency intends to work, as a priority, on concluding the inter-institutional negotiations started under the Italian Presidency on the technical pillar of the **4th railway package**. Afterwards the Presidency will encourage progress in the political pillar with an aim to explore the possibility of reaching an agreement in the Council on the remaining elements of the package.

In the field of road transport the Presidency will finalise the formal procedures necessary for the adoption of the revised directive on **weights and dimensions** as well as the directive **facilitating cross-border exchange of information** on road safety related to traffic offenses. Taking into account the importance of **road safety**, the Presidency could envisage a Ministerial discussion on the planned mid-term evaluation of policy orientations 2011-2020.

On air transport the Latvian Presidency will focus its efforts to seek a progress within the Council on the proposal concerning the **minimum rights for airline passengers**. The Presidency intends to continue work on **SES II+** proposal. The Latvian Presidency will contribute to the exchange of views on **Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS)**. The progress on the **Airport package (on the allocation of time slots)** could also be envisaged.

The Presidency will strive to secure the right **international environment for maritime transport** promoting initiatives for growth and enhancement of the competitive European shipping. The Presidency will also endeavour to start discussions on the revised proposal laying down technical requirements for **inland waterway vessels** aiming to reach an agreement within the Council. Once the European Parliament adopts its first reading position, the Presidency may seek further progress on **ports regulation**.

In order to highlight the importance of the common **TEN-T network** and the established corridors for the EU competitiveness, growth and jobs, the Presidency intends to enable a Ministerial discussion which would focus on the development, implementation and financing of the TEN-T transport network infrastructure.

These priorities set by the Latvian Presidency will be reflected in the agendas of the TTE Councils scheduled on 13 March and 11 June 2014.
