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- Information from the Presidency

Delegations will find annexed a contribution from the Presidency on the abovementioned subject in support of its intervention under "other business" at the TTE Council on 11 - 12 March 2010.

1. On 12 February 2010 the European Union Ministers for Transport held an informal meeting in La Coruña, Spain. The Commissioner for Transport and the Vice-President of the European Parliament also attended.
2. The meeting focused on two main topics, both of which were discussed by all of the delegations: urban mobility and aviation safety.

Urban Mobility

3. The Action Plan on Urban Mobility adopted by the Commission on 30 September 2009 introduces urban mobility as a field of action and highlights the importance of mobility in cities in the context of European transport policy.
4. The following points were considered in La Coruña:
 - a. The role of the Community authorities, and particularly the Council of Ministers for Transport, in promoting measures to improve sustainable urban mobility, in compliance with the principle of subsidiarity;
 - b. Coordination between public administrations at all levels (Community, national, regional and local) and promoting the introduction of sustainable urban mobility plans;
 - c. Promoting public transport and non-motorised modes as an alternative to private cars;
 - d. Exchanging experience via the following tools: a Community observatory receiving data from observers at national and/or regional level for collation and dissemination, methodological manuals and dissemination of best practice;
 - e. Promoting new technology such as smart transport systems and clean vehicles (electric vehicles and plug-in hybrids);
 - f. Making optimum use of existing Community funds to develop sustainable urban mobility action;
 - g. Integrating and coordinating urban mobility, safety and health aspects in the various planning instruments.

Aviation Safety

5. At La Coruña, the EU Ministers for Transport reaffirmed their determination to continue make all the necessary efforts to guarantee the highest levels of safety in the aviation sector. In addition, they considered that the best approach to reinforcing aviation safety in the future was a common strategy developed in the framework of the European Union.
6. They considered that, in order to protect the public effectively, the use of the most advanced security control technologies should be fundamental.
7. Among such technologies, one possible option was to install body scanners at airports, with due protection at Community level for personal privacy, health and other fundamental rights.

Next steps

8. With regard to urban mobility, the Spanish Presidency undertook to prepare draft conclusions on the Commission Action Plan on Urban Mobility for consideration at the next Transport Council on 24 June 2010.
9. With regard to aviation safety, the Commission is expected to submit a report in April on new technologies and their impact on health and other fundamental rights, as a prelude to a legislative proposal in the future.