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PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE EU COMMISSION COMMUNICATION ON A EUROPEAN ROAD SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM 2011-2020: The Volvo Group's view

Introduction

The Volvo Group appreciates having the opportunity to hereby present its views on the forthcoming European Road Safety Action Program. We hope that our experience and expertise can contribute towards a policy for safer and more efficient road transport.

The Volvo Group's vision is to be valued as the world's leading supplier of commercial transport solutions. The Group, with about 90,000 employees, has production facilities in 19 countries and sells products such as trucks and buses in more than 180 markets. The Volvo Group's transportation and logistics company, Volvo Logistics, manages and operates the transports from 4000 suppliers to all the production facilities as well as the distribution of the vehicles to the markets.

Proposals

Priority actions to reduce road deaths and serious injuries need to include the aspects listed below.

- **Benefit from the Future of Transport initiative**
Secure that the forthcoming European Commission White Paper on Future of Transport will be of significance not only from a transport efficiency point of view but also when it comes to road safety. Develop the Cross-Border Green Corridors concept (specially adapted corridors integrating several modes of transport). Include secure and "telematics-controlled" parking places for trucks and commercial vehicles (with the potential to reduce stress and driver fatigue) and correct handling of nomadic devices from a road safety point of view.
- **Security**
Security includes aspects such as protection against chemical exposures, theft or personal threats and shall be seen as an integral part of the Safety area. Develop ways of improving safety and security in transports involving several

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modes. Important aspects are seamless transfer of information (for instance regarding hazardous goods) and safe “interface management” at transport hubs where rail, road and sea systems co-operate. Promote cross-border enforcement of traffic offences and traffic-related crimes.

- **Set Ambitious Targets**

A 40 % reduction of deaths from 2010 to 2020.

- **Improved Accident Reporting**

Develop and implement common definitions of injury severity. Improve the reporting regarding accidents involving heavy commercial vehicles (such as heavy duty trucks and buses).

- **Promote vehicle safety**

Use incentives and public procurement to increase the market penetration of new technologies such as Collision Avoidance Systems and systems detecting inattention and fatigue.

- **Fund common research & large scale demonstrations**

Promote EU & member state R&D programs, European large scale actions and member state demonstrators. Favor the development of one ITS platform for Europe that enables Pan-European services and cooperative safety systems (vehicle to vehicle as well as vehicle to infrastructure communication).

Final Remarks

The EU has a very important role to play in setting ambitious targets and promoting actions with the potential to significantly reduce the number of deaths and injured.

The Volvo Group would appreciate the opportunity to participate in further discussions in order to contribute to the work ahead.