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COMMITMENT RENEWAL

We, the undersigned ASECAP - Association des Sociétés Européennes de Concessionnaires d'Autoroutes et d'ouvrages à Péage represented by Kallistratos Dionelis, Secretary General having authority, decision-making, economic or social powers or a mandate to represent, and, in this capacity having a share of the responsibility for road safety in the European Union:

Whereas the number of road accident victims in Europe at present is unacceptable, and the most effective possible measures need to be taken to reduce this number in the shortest possible time;

Whereas coordinated action between the many parties having responsibility, in one capacity or another, is more likely to achieve the intended results;

Believing that there are effective measures available to encourage road users to apply safety rules and even to take further measures, for example in order to reduce the exposure of users to the risks of accidents; and believing that the scope of such measures will be all the greater if a critical number of stakeholders commit themselves to them;

Subscribing to the objective of reducing the number of deaths on the road by at least 50% by 2010;

Aware that actions to promote road safety entail extremely low costs compared to the human, social and economic cost of unsafe roads;

UNDERTAKE TO IMPLEMENT, PROACTIVELY, THE MEASURES WITHIN THE SPHERE OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND ACTIVITIES SO AS TO SPEED UP PROGRESS ON ROAD SAFETY;

AND FURTHERMORE UNDERTAKE IN PARTICULAR WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND SPECIFICITIES AND IN CONFORMITY WITH AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

- 1.** To take measures within our sphere of responsibility to contribute to the abovementioned objective of reducing the number of road deaths.
- 2.** To include road safety actions and safety performance measurement among our major objectives and principal decision-making criteria, in particular in the context of research activities, organisation and investment and in the more general road safety plan.
- 3.** To share with the competent bodies responsible for road safety technical and statistical information making for a better understanding of the causes of accidents, the injuries caused by accidents and the effectiveness of preventive and palliative measures.
- 4.** To contribute to preventing traffic accidents by pursuing high-quality actions in one or more of the following areas:
 - initial and continuous driver training and information,
 - motor-vehicle equipment and ergonomics,
 - infrastructure designed to minimise the risks of accidents and their gravity and to encourage safe driving.
- 5.** To develop and implement technologies for reducing the impact of road traffic accidents.
- 6.** To contribute to the development of means of uniform, continuous and appropriate monitoring of compliance with traffic rules by persons acting in our name or under our authority and penalising any offenders in a uniform, rapid and proportionate way.
- 7.** To create a framework encouraging the introduction of continuous education actions and the rehabilitation of high-risk drivers.
- 8.** To endeavour to contribute, wherever possible, to a better understanding of the causes, circumstances and consequences of accidents in order to draw lessons from them in order to avoid their repetition.
- 9.** To contribute to ensuring that effective and high-quality, medical, psychological and legal assistance is available for road accident victims.
- 10.** To accept a post-evaluation by peers, in accordance with appropriate confidentiality rules, of the measures taken to improve road safety and, where necessary, to draw lessons from them to review the measures.

OUR COMMITMENT

ASECAP - Association des Sociétés Européennes de Concessionnaires d'Autoroutes et d'Ouvrages à Péage
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deliberately undertake the initiative of implementing measures that go beyond the regulatory requirements in force, namely:

▶ Asecap actions are twofold.

On the one hand the association spread the information on the EU policies, plan and advice to all its members, 21 national bodies representing 148 companies that manage more than 23.000 km of motorways, the most of them part of the Trans-European Network; the information is targeted in a way to reach all the relevant professionals working in the toll roads sector in Europe, through leaflets, conferences and other means. As an example, in the road safety domain, ASECAP has carefully monitored and participated to the works on the EU Directive on road infrastructure safety management and follows actively its implementation process in different member States.

On the other hand, Asecap gathers the knowledge, the data and the achievements of the toll roads in the safety field and makes it publicly available, more specifically to the European Institutions offering its high-level degree of expertise to the policy makers (bottom-up approach). To this end, Asecap has a Permanent Committee (COPER II) devoted to safety, composed of several of its members, and devotes one staff person to the subject, plus other staff personnel when external communication is engaged. Events are regularly organized having safety as core issue, while during an Annual meeting where an average of 350 delegates attend the European toll motorways professionals meet directly the European Institutions and contribute to specific sessions on road safety. A specific leaflet on the main safety features of toll motorways was published in 2006 and renewed in 2009, for a global distribution of about 10.000 pieces at European level; the leaflet has been translated in several national languages by Asecap members and disseminated at national level as well. Information on initiatives for road safety are regularly put at European Institutions disposal.

Done at

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signature:

