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Dear *Michel*

Delivering the best possible Brexit for transport in the EU and UK

I am writing on behalf of UK Transport in Europe (UKTiE) regarding the forthcoming Brexit negotiations.

UKTiE is an association representing twelve of Britain's leading transport companies and organisations, across all the modes. It was launched to facilitate constructive engagement between UK transport representatives, the UK Government and the EU institutions. We seek to promote the best in UK transport, share best practice with our European partners and support the work of the EU institutions in completing the Single European Transport Area.

Following the triggering of Article 50 and the imminent commencement of the negotiations to remove the UK from the EU, the Single Market and the Customs Union, we wanted to formally present our core Brexit objectives, in the hope that they will assist you in the upcoming negotiations, and help deliver the best possible Brexit for EU and UK transport.

1. We believe transport should be a priority in the Brexit negotiations

Transport is essential for all citizens and industries in the EU and the UK, the success of the European and British economies. As a result, we believe transport should be a priority in negotiations, and we hope that through our contribution we can assist in reaching a mutually beneficial agreement for transport.

2. We believe the rights of citizens in the UK and throughout the Member States must be at the very heart of the negotiations.

Our workforce and customers are at the very core of everything we do and we recognise the importance of reassuring non-UK EU citizens living in the UK and British citizens living in other Member States who are understandably extremely concerned about their future. We believe the UK and the rest of the EU should grant them a cast-iron guarantee that they can continue to work in their chosen Member State after Brexit. Moreover, in terms of the UK in particular we need to retain the ability to access workers from across the EU in the future. We believe the rights of citizens in the UK and throughout the Member States must be at the very heart of the negotiations.

3. **We seek minimum disruption to the functioning of the Single European Transport Area**

We believe there are practical solutions to minimize disruption to the functioning of the Single European Transport Area, an approach which would be supported throughout the EU and the UK. Given the integrated and international nature of transport, reinstating barriers or bureaucratic restrictions would not benefit any of the parties. In particular we support the UK's continuing participation in the work of the relevant EU Agencies, including EASA, EMSA and the ERA. In the coming weeks and months we plan to bring forward these practical solutions for your consideration.

4. **We will work constructively with the UK Government, EU institutions, national capitals, our partners in the Brussels and national capitals**

We wish to work constructively with the UK Government, EU institutions, national capitals, and our partners in the Member States, all of whom will be disadvantaged if transport is not adequately considered in a timely and satisfactory manner in the negotiations.

5. **We support transitional arrangements**

We recognise there is a risk of a 'cliff edge' for our industry, and indeed the entire logistics supply chain, if transport is not considered as a key part of the Article 50 negotiations, or if the details of a future relationship in respect of transport are not agreed by the time the UK exits the EU. Consequently we support transitional arrangements whereby existing market access provisions and regulatory reciprocity continues to apply for a fixed period after Brexit, allowing extra time for the long-term transport agreement to be agreed.

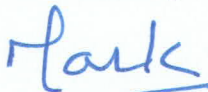
6. **We will promote the fullest possible exchange of information and know-how**

We have always supported evidence-led rule and policy making and believe that this principle should underpin the Brexit negotiations. We will promote the fullest possible exchange of information and know-how in order to ensure an informed debate and a considered agreement.

I hope that these core Brexit objectives for transport will help you address the challenges ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely



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