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IRU Resolution on ACCESS TO THE PROFESSION AND ACCESS TO THE EU ROAD HAULAGE MARKET

*adopted by the IRU Goods Transport Liaison Committee
in Brussels on 19 February 2009*

Resolution on the new EU rules on access to the profession and access to the road haulage market.

IRU Members,

- Representing goods transport by road in the 27 Member States of the European Union;
- Gathered in Brussels on the occasion of the plenary meeting of the IRU Goods Transport Liaison Committee to the EU to express their concern about the lengthy decision-making process relating to the new rules on access to the profession of road transport operator and access to the road haulage market;
- Being aware that several Member States have recently changed their road haulage cabotage rules or are planning to do so, thus creating a situation of serious legal uncertainty for the EU road freight transport industry.
- Realising that the absence of an agreement before the next European Elections of June 2009 could complicate the decision-making process and lengthen the period of legal uncertainty;

Urgently call upon the European Commission, European Parliament and Council to:

- Come to an agreement on the proposals for Regulations on access to the profession of road transport operator and access to the road haulage market which would allow final adoption of these rules by Council before the next European Elections of June 2009 and subsequent implementation by the Member States in order to provide legal certainty for the European road transport industry with the shortest possible delay.

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