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Excellence in Road Transport
IRU Grand Prix d'Honneur 2010

Janusz Lacny, President, International Road Transport Union (IRU)

Since 1968, the IRU "Grand Prix d'Honneur" has been awarded to a driver who, through his moral and professional qualities whilst on the job, has performed an exceptional act of bravery. It is my honour today to announce that the 2010 prize, which is bestowed by an international jury, goes to a coach crew of the Bulgarian company BIOMET for the outstanding professionalism, determination and bravery demonstrated when their coach was hijacked. May I now ask Mrs Kremena Todorava, Mr Dobrin Ivanov and Mr Krum Krumov, whose candidacy was submitted by the IRU Bulgarian Association AEBTRI, to join me here on stage.

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(Mrs Kremena Todorava, Mr Dobrin Ivanov, Mr Krum Krumov arriving on stage)

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Ladies and Gentleman, in our modern society, ordinary people still find themselves in extraordinary situations and perform heroic acts, and thanks to Mrs Todorava's, Mr Ivanov's and Mr Krumov's courageous intervention, the hijacking of their coach with 37 people on board was brought to an end without any casualties among the passengers or the crew. Let me now turn your attention to the screens where we will see a short movie illustrating their heroic act.

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(show the movie - applause)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the IRU salutes the heroes Mrs Todorava, Mr Ivanov and Mr Krumov. Can I now please ask Vice President Kallas to join us to hand over the award! And could Mr Simpson and Mr Schouppe please join us as well.



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(handover of the award by Kallas)

(Applause and Michael Nielsen takes the floor again)

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