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***“Efficient, Safe and Sustainable Road Transport for the Future”***  
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**Excellence in Road Transport**  
**IRU's commitment to the European Road Safety Charter**

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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Colleagues,

For the road transport industry and for the true professionals that the IRU represents, road safety has always been, is and will remain a top priority issue as every accident is one accident too many.

For the IRU, road safety can only be improved through proper preventive action. This is why the IRU is committed to continue to work with governments and all the stakeholders in order to better identify not only the number but the cause of accidents.

In fact, for the IRU, knowledge transfer is the best method to prevent accidents. This is why, taking into account that all the studies undertaken by the IRU demonstrate that the human factor is the main cause of more than 85% of road accidents, the IRU remains committed to further develop the training activities provided by the IRU Academy currently in more than 36 countries.

In this framework, and taking into account the importance of reducing road traffic accidents, the IRU is eager to further increase its cooperation with the road safety unit of DG MOVE.

The IRU was one of the first organisations to sign the European Road Safety Charter in Dublin in 2004 and I have the honour to announce that the IRU has just resigned this Charter and thus officially renewed its commitment to road safety for the near- and long-term future.

I would like to hand over a signed copy of the IRU's renewed commitment to Vice-President Kallas and I look forward to increasing our cooperation not only with the EU services but with all EU Governments.

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*(Mr Kallas stand up and receive the already signed road safety Charter – photo opportunity, applause and Michael Nielsen takes the floor)*

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