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Dear Minister Peijs,

Re: Traffic Law Enforcement

Writing on behalf of the European Transport Safety Council (ETSC), I am pleased that you have attached such a high priority to traffic law enforcement and placed it on the agenda for your Informal Ministerial Meeting in Verona. ETSC shares the view highlighted in the 'Verona Charter' that the effective enforcement of rules pertaining to speed limits, blood alcohol content and seat belt use is fundamental to achieve the EU's objective of cutting the number of road deaths by 20 000 by the year 2010 as agreed by the Council of Ministers on 5 June 2003.

In this context we ask you to take these three points into account:

- EU Transport Ministers should account for the progress made so far in implementing the Commission's Recommendation on enforcement in their Member States. ETSC will be carefully monitoring and analysing national enforcement policies in this respect.
- EU Transport Ministers should support efforts to promote the use of in-vehicle technologies such as seat belt reminders and alcohol interlocks, and to stimulate the development and use of intelligent speed adaptation devices.
- EU Transport Ministers should adopt legislation to facilitate the exchange of information on cross-border enforcement of road traffic laws as proposed by the recently completed VERA2 project.

On behalf of ETSC's members across Europe we call upon you as Chair of the Transport Council to insist upon real action on enforcement which could make a crucial contribution to saving lives. I thank you very much for considering these important points and we look forward to continuing this dialogue with you.

Yours sincerely

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