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**RE: Business' priorities for the future of transport in Europe**

Dear Director-General,

Transport is of great importance for business. It is a key pillar of the single market, allowing for the free movement of goods and people across borders.

The cost and efficiency of transport services and the quality of Europe's infrastructure networks directly affect trade flows, mobility and the competitiveness of European companies. Therefore, BUSINESSEUROPE aims at removing remaining regulatory, administrative and technical barriers in all transport modes.

Despite efforts at EU and national level, companies are still experiencing a number of obstacles, which hamper business opportunities, fair competition and ultimately growth and job creation.

With a forward looking view, we wish to provide you with our priorities for the future of transport in Europe. We believe the time is right for reflection and to design a more holistic and realistic EU transport policy that truly supports a competitive and sustainable transport system.

You will find our vision for the future of transport in Europe outlined in the position paper at annex, entitled '*Business' priorities for the future of transport in Europe*'.

We trust that you will take our views into account and remain at your disposal to discuss these matters further with you.

Yours sincerely,

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