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### **Brexit and Road haulage - Seven Federations call for the transition period to be extended**

Given the uncertainty over the outcome of the negotiations on the future relationship between the UK and the EU, the road haulage companies we represent through our federations: FNTR (France) – BGL (Germany) – NLA (Nordics) – TLN (The Netherlands) - FEBETRA (Belgium) - ZMPD (Poland) – FinMobility (Finland) are very concerned.

We represent the interests of a sector made up of SMEs and in the run-up to Brexit, they need certainty and time to prepare. Additional costs will have to be taken into account in the companies' budget.

The current crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic gives to our authorities a greater understanding of the key role of road haulage in the economy as a whole.

**A “no deal” at the end of 2020 would have a strong negative impact on transport and logistics.** Our businesses are already suffering the consequences of the coronavirus crisis which will then be followed by an unprecedented economic crisis.

**That is why we call before the 1<sup>st</sup> of June and the beginning of the decisive 4<sup>th</sup> round of negotiations between the UK and the EU to extend the transition period.** This time over a year or two years will be necessary to clearly establish the rules that will have to apply uniformly between the two parties.

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