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STRIVING TOWARDS "VISION ZERO" TO PREVENT ALL ROAD ACCIDENTS... YES, BUT ARE GOOD INTENTIONS ENOUGH?

ASECAP, the European Association of Operators of Toll Road Infrastructures, welcomes the resolution of the European Parliament of 27 September 2011 on European road safety 2011-2020. Following the work of rapporteur MEP Dieter-Lebrecht KOCH, the resolution includes a list of proposed actions to make road transport safer by developing and improving a fully cooperative road safety triangle that brings together roads, vehicles and drivers.

ASECAP would in particular like to draw attention to the European Parliament's proposal for an EU Road Safety Coordinator in charge of supporting effective and coherent road safety policies and promoting cooperation with relevant stakeholders and authorities. Besides the appointment of such a coordinator as part of the European Commission, the resolution also calls on the Commission to set up a much-needed cooperation forum.

In this regard, ASECAP wishes to underline that, even though the continuous improvement of road safety strategies will always be important, better coordination and cooperation involving all stakeholders under the auspices of the European Commission constitute the cornerstone for a serious and realistic road safety action plan which will put an end to today's unproductive fragmentation of activities. Bringing together all the stakeholders is the most appropriate way to ensure the feasibility of future actions under real market conditions.

"Every initiative to increase road safety and bring us closer to the zero accident vision is always welcome", underlines ASECAP Secretary-General Kallistratos DIONELIS. "Our collection is now complete: in our archives, we have every analysis and study on road safety data and indicators, as well as an abundance of ideas on safer vehicles, roads and drivers... surely, these are all interesting, but they are also fragmented. So, we should all welcome the call for a Road Safety Coordinator, who will end fragmentation and thus lay the basis for a roadmap that will bring our common Vision Zero into reality".

Notes to Editors:

ASECAP (www.asecap.com) is the European Association of Operators of Toll Road Infrastructures. It brings together operators of a network of more than 44.000 km of motorways, bridges and tunnels, from 20 countries. ASECAP's mission is to promote tolling and the direct user-payer principle as the most efficient tool to finance the construction, safe operation and effective maintenance of motorways and other major road infrastructures.



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