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Danish Minister for Transport, Henrik Dam Kristensen speaks on greening road transport at IRU/EU Road Transport Conference

The IRU/EU Road Transport Conference held today in Brussels brought about many ideas on how to make road transport more sustainable.

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The 2nd IRU/EU Road Transport Conference on “*Efficient solutions for making road transport greener*” brought together some 400 political, transport and trade leaders from all 27 EU Member States. It was jointly organised by the International Transport Union, the European Commission and the Danish Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The conference focused on the main challenges facing the road transport industry, and in particular how to effectively reduce even further, through coordinated action at political level, the environmental footprint of road transport activities, while allowing road transport to continue to contribute to the EU growth agenda.

The Danish Minister for Transport and President of the EU Transport Council, Mr. Henrik Dam Kristensen stressed:

- This IRU/EU Road Transport Conference is a great opportunity to focus on how to make road transport more sustainable and to bring together industry, politicians and transport stakeholders.

- The road networks tie European Markets together and will continue to play a central role in our transport system in the future. It is therefore important that we continue to focus on making road transport more sustainable.

- A concrete and practical step to this end is to promote the use of Eco-Combis in Europe. This would benefit European industries and economies, while at the same time help make road transport greener.

- It is important, that we make use of the advantages of each mode of transport and that we promote modern and efficient infrastructure. In this respect the Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T) and the Galileo satellite navigation system play an essential role. It is our ambition to bring the negotiations on these proposals as far as possible during the Danish Presidency.