

**COMMON STATEMENT BY THE EXPERTS OF THE ROAD ALLIANCE
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The experts of the Road Alliance and the Netherlands as an observer, met in Copenhagen on the 29th and 30th of August 2019.

The meeting addressed present issues of importance with regard to Mobility Packages I and II with the aim to evaluate recent developments, draw relevant conclusions and find common approaches on main elements in preparation of the upcoming trilogues.

The experts reaffirmed their commitment to the common goals of the Road Alliance, i.e. the strive for better regulation as well as enforceable rules to safeguard social rights, enhance road safety, ensure a well-functioning, fair and secure internal market and only to accept further market openings on the condition of effective measures against unfair competition, social dumping and illicit practices.

The experts of the Road Alliance noted with satisfaction that the texts adopted by the European Parliament on numerous key elements resemble the texts adopted by the Council. This constitutes a solid and balanced starting point for the negotiations and brings optimism in the process of reaching a compromise in the coming months. The experts found that both texts contain valuable elements that will contribute to the realization of the common goals of the European Union. This unity presents the opportunity to finally reach a most awaited global agreement so that the future legal framework of the European road transport sector is negotiated as a package.

Thus, the Road Alliance experts remain optimistic and reaffirm their commitment to find common solutions in the upcoming trilogues. The experts strongly encourage the Finnish Presidency, European Commission and European Parliament to make it a priority to reach a final agreement in the coming inter-institutional negotiations in order to secure better and socially fair regulation for the European road transport sector.