Council of the European Union

INFORMATION NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Council
Subject:	Free movement of goods along the Brenner motorway
	– Information from the German and Italian delegations

Delegations will find attached an information note prepared by the German and Italian delegations on the above-mentioned subject for consideration under "Any other business" at the meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 1 June 2023.

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Information on the subject of road haulage at the Brenner
from the German and Italian Delegations

The Brenner is one of the most important north-south links in Europe. For road haulage, it is in fact the most important trans-Alpine link. However, the existing unilateral traffic restrictions imposed by Tyrol/Austria have been hampering intra-European transport for a long time. For instance, the dosing measure as well as night bans regularly cause long tailbacks in Germany and Italy, which, among other things, present a significant accident risk.

A functioning internal market is essential for the European Union. Unjustified active traffic restrictions imposed by individual actors interfere disproportionately with this functioning internal market. Germany and Italy have long been striving for amicable solutions to the situation at the Brenner and will continue to do so. What is important in this regard is an open and constructive exchange of views and ideas. Therefore, the opportunity should be taken to talk about road haulage at the Brenner and the associated challenges for the European Union also in this setting, while calling on the Commission to further determine suitable solutions to the Brenner topic. Germany and Italy stand ready to support the Commission in this undertaking.