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Work programme of the incoming Presidency

– Information from the Finnish delegation

Delegations will find attached an information note prepared by the Finnish delegation on the above-mentioned subject for consideration under "Any other business" at the meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 6 June 2019.

Finland is convinced that customer-focused, smooth and interoperable transport services, as well as connected and automated mobility and logistics, provide major opportunities for sustainable growth in the EU. Data and good connections are key enablers for seamless, cost-efficient and environment-friendly services. We are committed to continuing the work on the pending legislative files, but we also want to take the opportunity to discuss the Union's strategic priorities and how best to promote the abovementioned objectives. To this end, our motto is ***Smart connections for sustainable growth.***

Significant and rapid emission reductions in the transport sector are required to reach the EU-level climate targets. Transport is one of the sectors where substantial cost-effective emission reductions can be made. Finland will facilitate discussions in order to promote emission-reduction measures for all modes of transport.

The Finnish Presidency will continue the work on the **legislative proposals** that are still under negotiation in the Council. In the area of **land transport**, the Finnish Presidency will build on the work done by previous presidencies on rail passenger rights and the eurovignette, with the aim of adopting a general approach. If the Parliament agrees on a mandate to negotiate with the Council on the social and market pillar of the first mobility package, we stand ready to start the negotiations.

In **aviation**, the Finnish Presidency will facilitate the signature and conclusion of air transport agreements with non-EU countries, as appropriate. The Presidency will also aim to adopt Council conclusions on the deployment of the new generation European air traffic management system SESAR and work on the preparations for the 40th International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Assembly. The Presidency will also take up the issue of passenger rights.

In **shipping**, the Finnish Presidency will work on preparing International Maritime Organization (IMO) work and strengthening the EU's role as a global frontrunner in sustainable, digital and automated maritime operations and seamless logistics.

With regard to **intermodal questions and networks**, the Finnish Presidency will continue work on the streamlining measures for advancing the realisation of the trans-European transport network, with the objective of reaching a general approach. The Presidency stands ready to open the negotiations with the European Parliament, time permitting.

To facilitate seamless and data-driven logistics and to support European businesses in their efforts towards more efficient digital processes, we aim to complete the discussions with the European Parliament on the proposal for electronic freight transport information (eFTI). The proposal for combined transport operations is linked to the discussions on the first mobility package. With regard to summer-time arrangements, the Finnish Presidency will continue the work in the working party.

The Transport, Telecommunications and Energy (TTE) Council (Transport) under the Finnish Presidency will take place on 2 December 2019. The Finnish Presidency will organise stakeholder conferences together with the Commission, focusing on digitalisation of transport and the future of the Single European Sky. The Data Economy Conference will also be organised during the Presidency.
