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Delegations will find, attached, comments from Italy on the above-mentioned document.

# Italian Comments on the Revised Presidency Compromise Proposal

WK 12730/2/25

With reference to the last revised compromise Italy wishes to thank the Danish Presidency for the effort made in order to reach an agreement on this file.

We believe that any solution that brings environmental benefit without increasing the general cost for transport of passengers and goods should be considered. This is particularly important in this time of low economic growth, considering that in some EU countries there is no alternative to road transport. For instance in Italy the average trip for heavy duty vehicles is below 300 km which makes difficult the shift to other transport mode without increasing the general cost of transport.

Please find below the main challenging points and relevant proposals that should be included in the text of the proposals in order to make it acceptable.

## Article 1

### *Amendment to Directive 96/53/EC*

(2) Article 2 is amended as follows

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(bbis) the following definition is inserted after the definition of "semi-trailer"

- **"e-trailer technologies" means zero-emission technologies designed to support auxiliary trailer/semi-trailer equipment, particularly a transport refrigeration unit, that may include an e-axle with regenerative braking and a battery pack system for storage of electricity generated by the e-axle or received from an auxiliary source."**

## Article 4

### *Entry into force and application*

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Article 4a, paragraph 1 shall apply from [*insert date: 4 years after the end of the transposition period*]

## ANNEX

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### *1.1 Maximum length*

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- **Articulated vehicle** **18,00 m**

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## *2.1 Vehicle forming part of a vehicle combination*

The following sentence is inserted:

**In the case of trailer or semi-trailer fitted with e-trailer technologies, the maximum authorised weights provided in Sub-section 2.1 shall be increased by the additional weight of the e-trailer technologies with a maximum of 2 tonnes. The additional weight of the e-trailer is considered equal to zero for the calculation of vehicle combination reported in Sub-section 2.2.**

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## *3.4 Driving axle*

**3.4.1 Driving axle of the vehicle referred to in points 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 12,5 tonnes**