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

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Comments from the Belgian Delegation

21-10-2025

Belgium welcomes the recent efforts made by the Danish Presidency to reach a general approach on the revision of the Weights and Dimensions Directive. We still hope for a swift conclusion to the negotiations in favor of greater harmonisation and to strengthen the competitiveness of electric vehicles. We believe we are close to an agreement. However, we still have some concerns regarding cross-border transport of ≤ 44 tonnes.

In principle, we remain in favor of removing all cross-border barriers to the movement of 44 tonnes vehicles in the interests of greater harmonisation. However, we welcome the extension of the radius within which cross-border operations are permitted to 650 km in the spirit of a compromise.

In the meantime, we are paying attention to the reservations expressed in particular by Spain and Portugal during the last working group, and we continue to consider areas for improvement, if possible, with a view to reaching a compromise that is satisfactory to all parties.