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Mr. Umberto de Pretto
IRU Secretary General

Blocking BCPs at PL-UA border

Dear Mr. de Pretto,

As well known, on November 6, 2023 at 1:20 p.m. Kyiv time, some Polish carriers began blocking three checkpoints on the Ukrainian-Polish border, namely: "Yagodin-Dorogusk", "Krakivets-Korchova", "Rava-Ruska-Grebenne" "As far as we know, Polish strikers have permission to strike until January 3, 2024.

The strikers did not officially submit any demands to the state bodies of Ukraine.

We do not question the right of Polish regulatory bodies and international carriers to defend their position within the limits of the legislation in force in Poland. But, in accordance with international norms, any actions or protests should not interfere with the freedom of transit as a basic principle of the GATT and the World Trade Organization, of which our countries are members.

In the conditions of russia's large-scale military aggression, in connection with the blockade of sea ports, the impossibility of using air and, to the fullest extent, railway transport, fulfilling the international transportation of goods necessary for the economic recovery and defense of Ukraine, humanitarian aid, fuel, export of products of the agro-industrial complex, other goods, fell mainly on the shoulders of international road carriers. Blocking the BCPs with Poland will lead to catastrophic and irreparable consequences.

Border guards and Customs officers of Poland systematically slow down the passage of goods vehicles across the Ukrainian-Polish border and do not implement the Memorandum between Ukraine and Poland "On the introduction of a advance notification system regarding the occurrence of emergency situations on the Ukrainian-Polish border in order to ensure the rhythm of border operations", which was signed by the heads of the relevant state bodies of both countries. This memorandum, in particular, established the number of freight vehicles that should cross the border at each BCP alternately.

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In the period of August-September-October of this year, the benchmarks were fulfilled by the Polish side by 70%-50% of the agreed level, corresponding to the BCPs.

At the moment, road carriers should wait from 10 to 15 days in queues at the borders to leave Ukraine, and in connection with the blocking of the Ukrainian-Polish border, it is predicted to increase to 20 days, which is unacceptable and catastrophic.

We kindly ask you to provide an estimation of the blockade of BCPs on the Polish-Ukrainian border and to facilitate their unblocking.

We count on your support and help to resolve the problem.

Sincerely yours,



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