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This extraordinary meeting was organised on 10 December 2009 at OECD Conference Centre upon the request of the Minister of Transport of the Russian Federation Mr. I. LEVITIN with an aim to find a compromise solution and confirm the final distribution of the ECMT Multilateral Quota in 2010.

The Group, after intensive negotiations, agreed:

- Multilateral quota distribution for 2010: the moratorium, as agreed by the Group on 23 April 2009 [ITF/TMB/TR/M(2009)1], i.e. to <u>maintain the situation</u> <u>of 2009 for 2010</u> (basic quota, bonuses and conversion rates as in 2009 will apply) was confirmed
- Interpretation of the Article 3.16 of the Guide: with two pending reservations
 from Italy and Greece, it was agreed that the first trip from the country of
 registration can be either loaded or empty
- Provision regarding transit in the Article 3.16 of the Guide: a transport journey or empty run in transit through the state of establishment <u>shall not</u> be considered a return
- **Mid-term development of the quota:** the decisions on the mid-term development of the quota should be taken for a minimum **period of 2011-2015**
- Three trips restriction: the restriction should not be a subject to removal during this period, i.e. will be maintained in 2011-2015

The Group also decided:

 To establish a Sub-Group on development of the quota and requested the Secretariat to define final composition of the Sub-Group by 15 January. The Sub-Group should comprise limited number of delegates (max.10-12), maintaining geographical balance and balance between different interest groups.

The Group requested:

- Greece and Italy to reconsider their reservations as soon as possible with a
 view to obtaining a unanimous decision of the Group and in a spirit of
 compromise, as asked by Minister LEVITIN and the 41 European Member
 Countries of ITF.
- The ITF Secretary General to bring this issue to the attention of Minister MATTEOLI and Minister REPPAS urgently with the objective of reaching agreement with these two countries to lift their reservations on Article 3.16 of the Guide in relation to the first trip and in order to be in line with the Ministerial council Decision taken in Moscow in 2005.