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22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007  
The European Commission  
Directorate General for Energy and Transport  
Road Safety Unit  
Attn: Ms Ellen Townsend

Dear Ms. Ellen Townsend,

**"Cross Border Enforcement"**

Reference is made to the Consultation Paper on "Respecting the Rules - Better Road Safety Enforcement in the European Unit".

I am directed to communicate to you the following replies to the questions made:

**1. Do you agree with the definition of the problem and the objectives of the intended EU actions?**

The Malta Police Force agrees with the definition of the problem as described in the consultation paper and agrees on the need to provide a reference framework for higher quality and fairer enforcement practices for road safety on all roads. Malta's share of non-resident road traffic infringements is too low to warrant any actions in terms of applying cross-border enforcement.

**2. Should EU actions be limited to the Trans-European Road Network or cover all EU roads?**

For effective actions, the enforcement should cover all roads.

**3. Should EU actions be limited to the three main traffic offences responsible for road accidents and deaths, namely speeding, drink-driving and non-use of seat belts, or should they cover all traffic offences?**

Speeding, drink-driving and non-use of seat belt are the major causes of road accidents and deaths in Malta. To this effect, any initial system of enforcement should cover these three main aspects.

**4. Which one of the described policy option would have your preference? Do you have any specific comments related to implementation issues?**

Malta has a very low percentage of illegal actions being undertaken by non-residents. There would therefore be an unwarranted financial burden on Government in trying to create a system which caters for such a small number of infringements. Our preferred option would be proposal 5.1 of the Consultation paper "Business as usual".

**5. Are there policy options other than those described in this paper that you would like to suggest?**

Not for the time being.

**6. Do you have specific comments on the costs and benefits of the different instruments/measures?**

No comments on the costs and benefits of such instruments have been worked out by the Police Force.

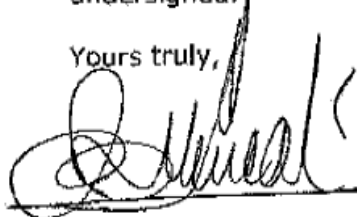
**7. Is there any other comments you wish to make?**

No further comments for the time being.

You may wish to note further, that the above replies were drawn up after consultation was duly made with the Malta Transport Authority.

Should you require any clarification please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



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