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EMBASSY OF FRANCE IN ROMANIA

H.E. LAURENCE AUER - Ambassador

Ref .: request for information on the investigation in the case of the Romanian driver killed in a parking area in France

Your Excellency, Madame Ambassador,

The National Union of Road Hauliers from Romania (UNTRR) is the employers' professional organization which promotes nationally and internationally the interests of Romanian road transport industry. Since our establishment in 1990, we have registered as members more than 16 000 Romanian companies performing national and international road transport of goods and passengers.

UNTRR expresses its profound concern over the tragic case of the Romanian professional driver, Mr. Mihai Spătaru, attacked and killed in the northwest of France on 16.05.2021, and requests your support in providing us information on the progress of the investigation in this case.

The recent tragedy shows that roads and parking areas in France represent a danger to the drivers in road freight transport, as there is a severe shortage of safe and secure parking places across the EU and consequently a lack of proper conditions for the professional drivers, their vehicles and the goods transported. Since 2014, UNTRR has notified the French authorities that some of its members have been subject to acts of vandalism in parking areas in France, where their trailer tires were damaged and part of the goods was stolen while drivers were performing their rest time.

In this respect, UNTRR asks the Embassy's support in providing details on the status of the investigation of the murder of the Romanian driver in France, and asks for urgent intervention by the French and European authorities to protect road hauliers from attacks in parking areas and Calais port zone.

Expressing our trust in your support, we are looking forward to receiving your kind reply, and we assure Your Excellency of our highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

**Secretary General
Radu DINESCU**

