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**Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB)
For the kind attention of Mr. Rifat HİSARCIKLIOĞLU - President**

Ref.: urgent request to facilitate Turkish Consular procedures for issuing visas to Romanian professional drivers

Dear Mister President,

The National Union of Road Hauliers from Romania – UNTRR addresses you with the urgent request to facilitate Turkish Consular procedures for issuing visas to Romanian professional drivers, considering the good cooperation relations between Romania and its partners in the Republic of Turkey and also the increase of the commercial trade between our countries.

In this respect, we would like to signalize that, at this moment, the platform dedicated to Turkish visa applications - www.konsolosluk.gov.tr is no longer operational and consequently, it is not possible to submit any appointment inquires to obtain visas for Romanian drivers in the upcoming period. According to the Turkish Consulate in Romania, this problem is caused by the high number of Turkish visa applications and the platform would only be operational after 09.05.2017.

Our association is highly concerned about this situation, which affects many Romanian road hauliers that have ongoing contracts with Turkey and may cause them delays and penalties.

Given the urgency of this problem, we kindly ask you to address the relevant Turkish authorities in order to undertake all the necessary measures to facilitate immediate issue of visas to Romanian professional drivers so that the dynamics of trade and road transport between Romania and Turkey would not be affected.

Expressing our trust in your support, kindly accept, Dear Mister President, the expression of our highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

**Secretary General
Radu DINESCU**

