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INFORMATION NOTE

From: European Commission

To: Council

Subject: EU Road Safety Day - Increasing Youth Awareness on Road Safety
(Nicosia, 25 July 2012)

– *Information from the Commission and the Presidency*

Delegations will find annexed an information note from the Commission on the above-mentioned subject, which will be dealt with under "Any Other Business" at the meeting of the Council (**Transport**, Telecommunications and Energy) on 29 October 2012.

Information note from the Commission
4th European Road Safety Day, Cyprus 2012

1. On 25 July 2012, the Commission organised the 4th European Road Safety Day in Nicosia, Cyprus. The topic was "Active involvement of Youth in Road Safety". The event was organised in close cooperation with the Cyprus authorities.
2. Almost 200 participants took part in discussions and workshop. Many of them were delegates from youth organisation.
3. The conference theme was chosen in response to the fact that road traffic crashes are still the main cause of death among Europe's young people. The age group of 18-25 years old make up one tenth of the EU population but make up one fifth of all road accident fatalities. One of every four car drivers killed in road accidents is under the age of 26.
4. The topics covered during the one-day conference included: exchanges of best practices on awareness campaigns; risk-taking; designing and implementing training for children and young people to become safety-conscious; and the balance between prevention and enforcement.
5. The aims of the conference were to increase road safety awareness among young people, to give participants an opportunity to exchange views and ideas, and to promote the EU youth road safety policies and best practices.