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Directorate-General
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COMMITMENT RENEWAL

We, the undersigned **Autoridad Portuaria de Santander**
represented by **Javier de la Riva Fernández, Director del Puerto**

having authority, decision-making, economic or social powers or a mandate to represent, and, in this capacity having a share of the responsibility for road safety in the European Union:

Whereas the number of road accident victims in Europe at present is unacceptable, and the most effective possible measures need to be taken to reduce this number in the shortest possible time;

Whereas coordinated action between the many parties having responsibility, in one capacity or another, is more likely to achieve the intended results;

Believing that there are effective measures available to encourage road users to apply safety rules and even to take further measures, for example in order to reduce the exposure of users to the risks of accidents; and believing that the scope of such measures will be all the greater if a critical number of stakeholders commit themselves to them;

Subscribing to the objective of reducing the number of deaths on the road by at least 50% by 2010;

Aware that actions to promote road safety entail extremely low costs compared to the human, social and economic cost of unsafe roads;

UNDERTAKE TO IMPLEMENT, PROACTIVELY, THE MEASURES WITHIN THE SPHERE OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND ACTIVITIES SO AS TO SPEED UP PROGRESS ON ROAD SAFETY;

AND FURTHERMORE UNDERTAKE IN PARTICULAR WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND SPECIFICITIES AND IN CONFORMITY WITH AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

1. To take measures within our sphere of responsibility to contribute to the abovementioned objective of reducing the number of road deaths.
2. To include road safety actions and safety performance measurement among our major objectives and principal decision-making criteria, in particular in the context of research activities, organisation and investment and in the more general road safety plan.
3. To share with the competent bodies responsible for road safety technical and statistical information making for a better understanding of the causes of accidents, the injuries caused by accidents and the effectiveness of preventive and palliative measures.
4. To contribute to preventing traffic accidents by pursuing high-quality actions in one or more of the following areas:
 - initial and continuous driver training and information,
 - motor-vehicle equipment and ergonomics,
 - infrastructure designed to minimise the risks of accidents and their gravity and to encourage safe driving.
5. To develop and implement technologies for reducing the impact of road traffic accidents.
6. To contribute to the development of means of uniform, continuous and appropriate monitoring of compliance with traffic rules by persons acting in our name or under our authority and penalising any offenders in a uniform, rapid and proportionate way.
7. To create a framework encouraging the introduction of continuous education actions and the rehabilitation of high-risk drivers.
8. To endeavour to contribute, wherever possible, to a better understanding of the causes, circumstances and consequences of accidents in order to draw lessons from them in order to avoid their repetition.
9. To contribute to ensuring that effective and high-quality, medical, psychological and legal assistance is available for road accident victims.
10. To accept a post-evaluation by peers, in accordance with appropriate confidentiality rules, of the measures taken to improve road safety and, where necessary, to draw lessons from them to review the measures.

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deliberately undertake the initiative of implementing measures that go beyond the regulatory requirements in force, namely:

Los objetivos que se proponen para el periodo 2009-2012, como herramientas de trabajo que permita una mejora de la seguridad vial dentro del Recinto Portuario, son los siguientes:

- Mejora de la señalización vial horizontal en el Recinto Portuario, mediante el pintado de aquellos viales y cruces que presenten deficiencias por el uso, o tiempo transcurrido desde su pintado, y que debido a ello, provocan confusión entre los usuarios de las vías de circulación interna del Puerto (Conductores y peatones).
- Realización de campañas informativas sobre el uso del chaleco de alta visibilidad, cinturón de seguridad, limitación de velocidad, etc.. mediante la publicación de mensajes y recomendaciones, en los paneles informativos situados en distintas zonas del Puerto.
- Llevar un registro de accidentes e incidentes que sucedan en el Recinto Portuario, en los que hayan estado implicados vehículos, investigando y analizando las causas que los han motivado, con el fin de establecer medidas preventivas que eviten su repetición. Todos los años se elaborará un informe en el que se incluya un apartado destinado a los accidentes de circulación, con los resultados de la investigación y su comparativa con otros periodos, con el fin de valorar la eficacia de las medidas llevadas a cabo durante el periodo 2006-2009, y los compromisos adquiridos para el periodo 2009-2012.

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Done at SANTANDER

signature:

