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“THE TRANSPORT WHITE PAPER
2011 – ECASBA’S VIEW

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THE PAPER ITSELF

- Wide-ranging and ambitious
- Not afraid to put forward contentious or even controversial proposals
- Major emphasis on reducing oil consumption and green house gas emissions
- Appreciates global nature of transport and its problems...
- ...but still favours some European solutions

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WHAT IS GOOD?

- Mobility must not be constrained
- There is a clear need for urgent action
- Europe commits to seek international solutions to international transport problems
- Calls for the full application of internal market procedures in transport – Single European Transport Area
- Streamlining procedures
- Importance of adequate and appropriate infrastructure
- Introduction of the “Blue Belt” for reduction in administrative on maritime transport
- Risk-based approach to cargo security
- Internalisation of external costs and “polluter-pays” doctrine for all transport modes
- Opening up Pilotage Exemption Certificate availability

WHAT IS NOT SO GOOD?

- Promotion of EU membership of international organisations, ICAO, IMO, etc.
- Introduction of an EU register and flag
- Revision of European transport documents and liability regimes and...
- No mention or recognition of Rotterdam Rules
- Application of “user pays” policies in all modes against vague aspirations for improved transport efficiency
- Development of “freight corridors”
- Continued emphasis on reducing ship emissions – down 40 or 50% by 2050



THE END
THANK YOU

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