ECMT and IRU re-launch survey on attacks against international truck drivers

The European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) and the International Road Transport Union (IRU) have re-launched their joint survey on attacks on international truck drivers.

Paris-Geneva, 4 October 2005 - With the overall objective of identifying how best to increase security on the roads and along the entire supply chain, a survey of drivers of international heavy goods vehicles, transport company managers as well as government authorities on their experience with attacks is now fully under way.

Research in the United Kingdom has found that more than 1 in 6 drivers had either had their cab broken into or had suffered a personal attack between 2000 and 2003.

The IRU-ECMT study is examining how this situation plays out across ECMT and IRU members.

Jack Short, ECMT Secretary General, said: “After the summer break, it is now time to reinforce efforts to collect as many replies as possible to the joint ECMT-IRU survey in order to identify the extent and implications of attacks on drivers employed in international traffic. No need to say how important this subject is in today’s world, where virtually all transport modes are vulnerable to criminal, and in some circumstances, terrorist acts.”

Martin Marmy, IRU Secretary General, said: “IRU member associations have recognised the high importance of this issue. Our task now is to significantly increase the number of replies to the questionnaire – now available in 25 languages. We hope to achieve this in particular, by conducting more face-to-face interviews in several countries throughout Europe.

All drivers and transport company managers are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey questionnaire can be obtained from:
and numerous national association web sites.

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