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to the Commission
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Subject: Professional drivers' concerns over delays in the Brexit negotiations

Given that Brexit negotiations between the European Union and the United Kingdom are dragging on and on, professional drivers organisations have expressed their concern over possible consequences for workers in the sector.

The total lack of any progress in the negotiations has driven the European Transport Workers Federation to address a letter to the Task Force for Relations with the United Kingdom to warn of the unimaginable chaos and confusion at UK border points and delays at ports likely to occur because IT systems have not yet been altered. The situation at the EU's borders will, obviously, be the same.

According to a UK government document cited in the letter, huge queues are likely to form at the borders once Brexit comes into force, with, as a result, vehicles waiting several days before being able to enter or leave the EU.

Other key points concern the IT systems used by drivers, which might not be ready in time, and parking areas.

The Commission bears a heavy responsibility for the delays in negotiations. How will it bring about a rapid and effective solution to this problem?