

## Declaration

We, the undersigned companies and organisations, recognise the crucial role of logistics in achieving Europe's economic and environmental goals and declare our commitment to:

### A. FOSTERING A NEW ERA FOR LOGISTICS BY:

- Raising understanding of how logistics is uniquely integrated into Europe's industrial processes and is critical to the EU's future competitiveness;
- Advocating as an industry the valuable role that logistics plays in meeting EU policy goals;
- Creating forums for debate on how the logistics sector can continue to boost the competitiveness of Europe's industry in a sustainable way.

For these reasons, we commit to the creation of a European logistics platform in 2009. We will encourage other actors to join us in presenting the incoming European Commission with a work plan for the logistics sector in autumn 2009.

### B. DECOUPLING OUR GROWTH AND OUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT BY:

- Continuing with our efforts to optimise the energy efficiency and traffic management of our transport fleets and working with our business partners to ensure that optimum modes are used;
- Harnessing appropriate existing and upcoming economic and technological measures to achieve greenhouse gas reductions in the most effective and efficient means;
- Working with EU partners to upgrade the skills level of our labour force through better education and training.

To this end, we commit to making significant and tangible steps towards carbon-neutral growth and sustainability for the logistics industry in Europe.

### C. WORKING WITH POLICY-MAKERS TO:

- Develop consistent regulation which drives efficiency and enables stakeholders to leverage the green potential of optimised supply chains;
- Enhance the sector's innovation and sustainability profile by conducting high level meetings and co-financing research and other appropriate activities;
- Set appropriate global standards for logistics that foster competitiveness rather than restrict it.

For these reasons, we call on European Union policy-makers to establish a High-Level Stakeholder Group on Logistics to map out the future of this industry, promoting a level-playing field across Europe and the world, and driving future efficiency and innovation.

A commitment to work in partnership with governments, industries and civil society will lead to tangible benefits for the continued economic and sustainable growth of the European Union. We will strongly encourage others to join us.

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We, the undersigned companies and organisations, endorse the commitments made by the above signatories of this declaration.

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