



EUROVIGNETTE: AISCAT, ANITA AND FAI FOR FAIR TRANSPORTATION

Rome, 16th January 2009 –Aiscat, Anita and Fai maintain a common position on the EU “*Greening Transport*” package which also contains a proposal for revising the Directive on Road Freight tariffs, the so called Eurovignette.

There is a consensus for European objectives relating to the preservation of natural resources and application of a payment principle whereby tariffs are calculated on the basis of actual use of the infrastructure and environmental damage produced, but Aiscat, Anita and Fai also underline that such objectives must not mean the penalisation of one form of transport for the benefit of others, something which is strongly feared and which is in line with the position expressed by the Italian government during the recent EU Transport Council meeting.

With reference to Italy, the three Associations underline how the EU proposal underestimates the fact that for transalpine traffic, if the dates set by European coordinators for the opening of the railway tunnels on the Turin/Lyon and Brenner routes are assumed as correct, then such lines will be available well after 2020. Until then, were the Directive proposal under discussion be implemented, freight traffic would cost more in absolute terms with clear repercussions on prices and on the domestic economy.