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Subject: Report - Working lunch with RATP CEO (Paris, 28 September 2017)

Importance: High

RATP senior management, at the presence of the Head of the COM Rep Office in Paris, and the undersigned.

Key points:

- HH provided an overview of EU activities and initiatives to make transport safer and cleaner in the EU as well as to promote the European interests worldwide, notably through a combined approach that includes products, services, regulatory framework, standards and solutions. He referred to the upcoming and unprecedented EU-ASEAN transport dialogue. He mentioned urban mobility as a key focus area, where the challenges of decarbonisation/congestion and the opportunities of innovative/digital solutions are greatest. He highlighted in this context the role of public transport, which should be multimodal, and praised RATP for its innovative drive. Referred to Multimodal year 2018.
- highlighted the full alignment with EU/COM priorities and sought support to accelerate some of their reform vectors (e.g. electrification of bus fleet). She asked in particular for stable and ambitious regulatory framework, to ensure the necessary predictability but also the right level playing field (vis-a-vis Chinese bidders).
- On digitalisation, explained their concerns about the possible disruptive impact of GAFA in their business, linked in particular to the release / handling of data. She pointed at the complexity of data management and at the worrying European dependence on foreign providers (esp. US) in this area. HH concurred on the need to strike the right balance between proprietary and open data, referring to CAD as an area where the debate is particularly relevant. In this context he listed also cyber-security and privacy as key concerns. Added that the EU has a role to play in setting the right regulatory framework in this area, as global players expect EU policy approach before moving ahead elsewhere. He also underlined the importance to keep distribution channels, so has to maintain a key asset in the value chain.

- Looking at the legislative activity at EU level, HH referred to the upcoming bus and coach proposal as well as to the revision of the Clean Vehicle Directive, as part of the 2nd mobility package. He also referred to the next MFF and the need to secure substantial resources for transport. He added that funds for transport research and innovation need to be more supportive of transport priorities such as security, safety and decarbonisation. Prompted by a suggestion from HH, confirmed that they are currently testing ADAS technologies on buses.
- RATP briefly referred to the case currently pending before the ECJ, hoping in a positive outcome that could cement and reinforce its internationalisation strategy, rather than preventing it.
- As operational conclusions, HH and agreed to further support exchanges at technical on all issues of common interest and to look in particular at how public procurement rules can be used to ensure the highest safety standards are respected, against pure price-based criteria.