Dear Mr Capel Ferrer,

Thank you for your fax of 17.11.03. In respect of transport policy, the Commission continues to develop its programme as laid down in the White Paper on European Transport Policy of 12.9.2001 (COM (2001)370).

Information about transport and transport policies in the Union is generally available on our “Europa” web-site http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/energy_transport/index_fr.html. On this site you will also find information about the proposals adopted this year by the Commission such as:

- the proposal of 1.10.2003 on the revision of the Community guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network (COM(2003) 564 final);
- the proposal of 11.11.2003 on “A European Initiative for Growth” (COM(2003)690 final);
- the proposal of 23.7.2003 on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures - revision of the Eurovignette directive (COM (2003) 448 final);
You will also find information about other notable events in 2003 such as the implementation from 15 March 2003 of the first railway infrastructure package and on the successful development of the Galileo programme.

We are sending under separate cover paper copies of two publications “European Union Energy & Transport in figures - 2003” (preliminary version) and “European Energy and Transport Trends to 2030”.

Yours sincerely,

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