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APPLICATION OF SUMMER TIME

<u>Transmitted by the Governments of Belarus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, United Kingdom</u>

The Working Party at its fifty-fourth session (3-5 October 2000) requested the Governments to provide the secretariat with information on this item if any changes to the European Union's Directive on the application of summer time are made (summer time starts at 1 a.m. UT on the last Sunday of March and ends at 1 a.m. on the last Sunday of October) (TRANS/SC.2/194, para.56).

BELARUS

No changes have occurred with regard to summer-time working.

CZECH REPUBLIC

The transition to Daylight Saving Time has been fixed for 25th March and the transition to Winter Time for 28th October, in times given above.

DENMARK

No changes are made or foreseen.

GERMANY

No changes have been made to the European Union Directive on the application of summer time.

HUNGARY

Since 1996, the Decree of the Government of Hungary has followed the standard European application of summer time.

LATVIA

The Government of Latvia has made a decision (Regulation of Cabinet of Ministers Nr. 18 of 09.01.2001 "Regulations of transition to summer time") to switch to summer time this year on the last Sunday in March and the end of summer time on the last Sunday in October.

LITHUANIA

There was no change to the European Union's Directive due to application of summer time, because it was not introduced in Lithuania this year.

NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands follow the European Union's Directive on the application of the summer time (summer time starts at 1 a.m. UT on the last Sunday of March and end's at 1 a.m. UT on the last Sunday of October).

SLOVAKIA

It is in compliance with the Directive of the European Union

SLOVENIA

In the Republic of Slovenia the summer time has been in force. It starts at 2:00 a.m. on the last Sunday in March and it is in force by 3:00 a.m. on the last Sunday in October. It is prescribed by the Decree of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia which was issued on the basis of the Act on Time from 1993 and 1996 (modification).

SWEDEN

Sweden applies the European union's directive of summer time. Source: Swedish Institute for Transport and Communications Analyses.

UNITED KINGDOM

No change from last year		