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Dear Colleague,



Last week's announcement from EU Transport Commissioner Siim Kallas brought disappointing news on progress in casualty reduction on Europe's roads. TISPOL is of course concerned that progress in cutting fatalities on Europe's roads significantly slowed in 2011.

The overall figure shows a reduction of just two per cent in the total number of people killed on Europe's roads, according to EU figures. This is in stark contrast to the yearly average of six per cent achieved throughout the last decade.

Mr Kallas emphasised what he saw as the vital role of police enforcement, and we fully support his call for constant checks and controls - and for the resources they require.

The police have a key role to play in helping to change road user behaviour. We can do this through education, backed up by enforcement for those who ignore the warnings. Mr Kallas is absolutely right in stating that laws must be effectively enforced.

TISPOL is fully committed to working with others to reduce road deaths and to achieve the European Commission's objective of cutting road fatalities in half by 2020.

Ian Hamill (TISPOL General Secretary)

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