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Subject: Acceptance of nomination to the Board of Directors

As a former senior police officer who was significantly involved in road safety issues for over 40 years, I co-founded the German umbrella organisation Verkehrsunfall-Opferhilfe Deutschland (VOD) in 2011 before I retired.

Like FEVR, we pursue two goals:

- Help and support for road traffic victims and their relatives
- Avoiding road victims, actively working on road safety

Because of the European Union's commitment to and shared responsibility for road safety and victim protection, the VOD has been a member of the European Federation of Road Traffic Victims (FEVR) since 2016, following the upstream phase of a cooperation

I have been the official representative on behalf of the VOD since the beginning of our membership in FEVR. I got to know many of the FEVR members personally on the occasion of the annual general meetings I had the pleasure of attending.

In 2019, I had the honour of organising and hosting the FEVR General Meeting in Germany at the Police University in Münster-Hiltrup. Many of you will therefore remember me and appreciate my commitment to our cause.

Nevertheless, I would like to provide some additional information on my professional background. During my active time as a police officer, I was responsible for police road safety work in the Ministry of the Interior of Saxony-Anhalt for my last 10 years as a police officer until retirement in 2012. In addition to road crash recording and traffic monitoring, this also included road safety prevention. For the German Police Union, I am active in an expert commission on road safety, and on behalf of the union I work in the executive committee for traffic technology of the German Road Safety Council (DVR), where I also introduced our manifesto on deceleration (Münster 2019), which also contributed to the DVR's resolution on a speed limit on motorways. Currently, this committee has adopted a package of demands for enforcement that I introduced. It is currently being coordinated with other board committees, so that a DVR resolution can be expected before the end of the year. I am also vice-president of the German Road Safety Association of Saxony-Anhalt and contribute to the discussion on road safety policy in Saxony-Anhalt. In addition, I have been a lecturer on topics related to traffic law and road safety, in particular on the protection of road works and the proper installation of traffic signs and devices. If I receive the confidence of the members of FEVR for a board position, I will withdraw from this activity in the future in order to have enough time for the work in the board of FEVR.

I have enjoyed working for FEVR in various fields in the past. I have been involved in many cooperation talks, e.g. with ERTRAC, ICTCT, PEOPI and ROADPOL. I supported various projects and accompanied our president to events of the REVIVE project in Helsinki and Luxembourg. The FEVR-supported European project "Victims of Traffic Offences" by Rondpunt and the Leuven Institute of Criminology at the Belgian University of Leuven was translated for Germany and presented to the responsible committees in Germany. The study "My life after the crash" (MyLAC) was also supported by translation into German and dissemination among its own members and in networks. I was involved in the preparation of the webinar on Post Crash Response as well as in the preparation of a joint project with RoadPol on an intended study on road crash recording and investigation in Europe.

In addition, I have already drafted statements for FEVR for EU legislative proposals and coordinated them with the President/Board in the context of the evaluation of the Cross Border Enforcement Directive.

For the forthcoming work of the Executive Board, I consider that it is important to continue to maintain and, where necessary, expand the international networking of the FEVR that has been developed and cultivated under the presidency of Jeannot Mersch:

- FEVR's membership in the Main Council of the European Transport Safety Council (ETSC)
- UNRSC (United Nations Road Safety Collaboration) chaired by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Board member of the Global Alliance for Road Safety and Road Victims, of which FEVR is a co-founder.
- Consultative status with the UNECE (United Nations Economic Council for Europe).
- Initiation and maintenance of further cooperation with associations operating throughout Europe with reference to road safety work or the support of victims' associations.

This task is unlikely to be performed by just one person in the future. Here the new board must provide for a division of labour and plan further action via regular virtual board meetings (fortnightly jour fixe) to bring all board members together, to exchange information and interim statuses. For long-term projects, it is especially important to meet regularly on a fixed date to ensure the necessary exchange of information.

My own focus in the work for the VOD, given by my personal background as a police officer committed to road safety, is less on physical and psychological support but more on road safety work and networking with European partners. I would like to bring these competences to FEVR.

As concrete projects for the near future, I could imagine the following topics

1. Deceleration

I would definitely like to promote our manifesto from Münster on deceleration. Speed is and remains the No. 1 killer! For me as a German representative, the speed limit on motorways is naturally of particular importance, but the demanded speed limits in inner and outer cities must also continue to be called for. The 0by30 - project in Cities with 30 must be the focus of the next decade.

2. Europe-wide help on the net

In Germany, together with the DVR and the German Federal Highway Research Institute (BASt), a website has been designed to provide road accident victims with a quick source of information. The new and so far unique internet portal on psychological consequences of crashes www.hilfefinder.de offers road accident victims, their relatives, witnesses or helpers comprehensive information on the topic of psychological consequences of accidents as well as contact addresses to institutions that offer initial support. A Europe-wide version with country-specific information is envisaged. This is where FEVR can and should play a key role.

3. Police traffic crash recording and investigation

Deficits in the police recording of traffic crash cannot be cured retrospectively; claims of victims can only be enforced in further legal proceedings if the recording of traffic accidents is carried out in the best quality. The technical prerequisites, also under the aspect of the progressive automation of vehicles (e.g. EDR), must be guaranteed at European level. Insofar as delegated acts do not allow any changes to the original directive, the original directive must be adapted to the technical development

Since a road accident victims' organisation also conveys credibility through the personal involvement of its representatives in the various committees, I am not available for the position of president. Despite my own traffic accident with lifelong minor neural problems, I feel more like a secondary victim due to many years of working in the traffic accident service, as we often had to deliver the news of death or news about seriously injured people and at that time, as receiving police officers, we did not experience any trauma support.

It is clear that I do voluntary work and a 10% share of my time budget is unlikely to be enough to meet the demand on myself when taking on such an appointment but since I have taken on the tasks of international liaison and lobbying for the VOD on the board, I feel that these would ideally complement each other if I were to participate on the FEVR board, so that the additional burden would be very manageable.

Apart from the presidency, I am available for all other functions, whereby I believe that the tasks of the Executive Board require a higher level of linguistic competence, especially in the written fixation/recording of the various information/resolutions, and for the treasurer, of course, corresponding professional experience would certainly be of value.

I am looking forward to our virtual GM and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Stay healthy and best regards

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