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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Second CLEPA Automotive Aftermarket Conference**  
**held in Brussels on 2 December 2010**

Some 180 participants from the Industry, Trade, Workshop networks, as well as representatives from the European Commission, the European Parliament, EU Member States and the Press followed the invitation from CLEPA.

The automotive aftermarket is huge and still profitable however extended service intervals, reduced mileage and better quality of the parts will result in less repair jobs. The competition between car manufacturers and independent operators will become tougher; new business models and new players are expected and a level playing field is a must.

The Conference focused on:

- The future automotive technologies responding to 4 mega trends  
–Globalisation, - urbanisation, -demographic transition and climate change.
- Future aftermarket shapes and strategies towards 2020 for the top European markets based on a simulation model and perspectives of different players discussed in a high level panel
- The new competition law framework for the automotive sector – experience of the first six months discussed between the European Commission and the European Stakeholders
- Last but not least the view for the next ten years from a Chief Futurist giving some tipping points for the automotive industry.

Aside from inspiring presentations and frank exchanges of views among the panellists, very lively discussions with all participants made this conference a success.

The actual Conference was preceded by a networking evening with more than 150 leading figures from industry and politics with a key note speech from Dr. Georg M. Berrisch, Lawyer at Covington & Burling addressing the problem of dumping practices and their consequences.

Following this successful 2<sup>nd</sup> aftermarket conference, you can save the date for the 3<sup>rd</sup> CLEPA conference to be held on 24 November 2011 with a dinner on the eve at the same place.

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80 of the world's most prominent suppliers for car parts, systems and modules and 28 National trade associations and European sector associations are members of CLEPA, representing an industry with an annual turnover of 300 billion Euro, more than 3,000 companies, employing more than three million people and covering all products and services within the automotive supply chain.

Based in Brussels, Belgium, CLEPA is recognized as the natural discussion partner by the European Institutions, United Nations and fellow associations (ACEA, JAMA, MEMA, etc).

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