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**Joint Statement on Cooperation in
Arctic Cross Border testing of Connected and Automated Driving between
Finland and Norway**

We, the undersigned, representing the sectors responsible for enhancing Connected and Automated Driving in our countries;

Reaffirming our commitment to the Rome Letter of Intent on the testing and large scale demonstrations signed in March 2017 and through our test activities to contribute to the development of Connected and Automated Driving in the wider European context based on the principles as agreed upon by the Declaration of Amsterdam on cooperation in the field of connected and automated driving in April 2016, and especially;

Presenting our commitment to the Day 1 services of C-ITS on European core corridors as well as early adoption of Automated driving;

Recognizing the need for joint efforts to test and pilot vehicle, communication and positioning technologies and services in snowy and arctic conditions and latitudes in a cross border context in order to promote the safety, security and interoperability of solutions,

Underlining the necessity of promoting openness and cooperation at all levels and to learn from each other and by experience;

We Ministers of Transport and Communications of Finland and Norway jointly express our commitment to the cross border testing activities on the E8 – the Aurora Borealis corridor - and the willingness of our officials and agencies to cooperate on a practical level to promote and support the testing; and

Invite all participants of this meeting, as well as other stakeholders and companies, to take part and cooperate in the testing activities.

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