
**SUPPLEMENTING REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE OF DEPUTIES
ON CERTAIN PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A MULTILATERAL QUOTA FOR INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT OF GOODS BY ROAD**

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At its 31st Session in Florence on 11th June, 1970, the Council of Ministers agreed to the provisions of Resolution No 22 on the problems concerning the establishment of a multilateral quota and the harmonization of competitive conditions in international transport of goods by road.

This Resolution, which lays down inter alia the procedure for establishing such a quota experimentally for a three-year period, was adopted by 16 Member countries, namely, all the E.C.M.T. countries except France and Ireland. The Resolution, however, expressly confirms that the possibility of participating in the scheme remains open to all Member countries of the Conference wishing to do so.

At the 107th Session of the Committee of Deputies on 10th July, 1970 which followed the Ministerial Session referred to above, the French Delegation stated that, in its view, the multilateral quota was an important element in the construction of a European transport system and that France would accordingly like to take part in the experiment, on the understanding that its reservations, as recorded in Resolution No 22, should be considered during the experimental period, and that the problems to which the reservations referred must be satisfactorily solved before the end of that period.

The French Delegation explained however that it wished to participate in the multilateral quota only with those States which showed themselves willing to take an active part in shaping a general transport policy. In this connection, acceptance of the principle of making national railways bear the cost of introducing automatic coupling would, in the view of the French Delegation, be a token of the political will to tackle the objectives of the Conference in a practical manner.

Formulated in this way, the problem was considered in detail insofar as it affected the introduction of a multilateral quota, first in the Working Party set up for this purpose and subsequently in the Committee of Deputies which, by way of conclusion, hereby submits the supplementary Resolution to the Council of Ministers for approval.