
**RESOLUTION No. 14 CONCERNING
MEASURES TO REDUCE TOWN TRAFFIC NOISE**

The Council of Ministers of Transport, meeting in Paris on 25th and 26th November 1963,

HAVING REGARD to the Report [CM(63)19] of the Committee of Deputies concerning a plan of action for the reduction of town traffic noise;

FINDING:

- that the town traffic noise disturbs the population and may sometimes become a threat to public health, especially in residential quarters and in the neighbourhood of sanatoria, hospitals, schools, etc. and especially at the approaches to crucial traffic points;
- that such noise has a strong tendency to increase in towns, to the extent that the authorities of several Member countries have already taken measures to curb it.

CONSIDERING IT NECESSARY that Member countries of the ECMT should decide on a standard method of measurement and uniform principles for reducing town traffic noise that will produce concrete results as quickly as possible and, for the same reason, considering it necessary to improve and standardize the regulations already in force.

RECOMMENDS that Member countries should:

1. Adopt a uniform and internationally recognised method of measuring the noise made by motor vehicles and ensure that it is used when vehicles are officially inspected;
2. Define maximum permissible levels in accordance with the standardization recommended by the ECMT, if this has not already been done;
3. Conduct any studies needed in connection with the reduction of town traffic noise.