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**RESOLUTION No. 64 ON THE MORE RAPID INTRODUCTION  
OF UNLEADED PETROL INTO EUROPE**

[CM(88)4]

The Council of Ministers of Transport, meeting in Luxembourg, on 25th and 26th May 1988,

**CONSIDERING:**

- That, at present, the preservation of the natural and architectural environment is one of the most fundamental tasks in Europe;
- That a reduction of air pollution is a necessity and that transport must assume its responsibility in contributing to this reduction;
- That the use of unleaded petrol brings about significant and measurable reductions in lead particle emissions resulting in a lower level or risk to human health;
- That, moreover, the growing significance of traffic in vehicles equipped with catalytic devices that can only operate with unleaded petrol makes it essential that unleaded petrol is available at a European level;
- That providing a balanced network of stations offering unleaded fuel can also represent an opportunity to a country's tourist industry.

**AWARE**

- That the European Communities have already taken the necessary legal measures (directives 85/210 and 87/416) first, to ensure the availability, by the 1st October 1989 of premium unleaded petrol through a balanced network of appropriate stations and, second, to allow Member States to prohibit the further marketing of leaded regular petrol; that, furthermore, from 1st October 1990, Member States of the European Communities may refuse admission on the road for new vehicles covered by Directive 88/76 when the engine is not designed to run on unleaded petrol;
- That, in other ECMT Member countries, the network of stations supplying unleaded fuel is not yet sufficiently dense and needs to be expanded.

**RECOMMENDS GOVERNMENTS**

- Where appropriate, to accelerate considerably the progress in introducing unleaded petrol by encouraging the provision of suitable pumps as soon as possible in a balanced way over the national territory;
- To distribute rapidly information to motorists on the stations providing unleaded petrol where the national network of such stations is not very dense;

- To encourage motorist organisations and petrol companies to provide information on the use and availability of unleaded fuel in ECMT countries.

**ASKS** the Committee of Deputies to report in due course on the implementation of this Resolution.