

**RESOLUTION No. 99/1 ON THE INTEGRATION OF EUROPEAN INLAND
TRANSPORT MARKETS**

[CEMT/CM(99)2/FINAL]

The ECMT Council of Ministers of Transport, meeting in Warsaw on 19 and 20 May, 1999:

HAVING REGARD to Resolution No. 95/1 on “Access to the European Transport Markets”
[CEMT/CM(95)1/FINAL] adopted on 7 and 8 June, 1995, in Vienna;

TAKING NOTE of the report [CEMT/CM(99)6] and its assessment of the progress made in
implementing this Resolution;

TAKING NOTE also of the relevant reports on reducing obstacles at border crossings
[CEMT/CM(99)7 and CEMT/CM(99)8/FINAL] and on legal harmonisation [CEMT/CM(99)5];

RECOGNISING that there remain obstacles to international transport and to the integration of markets
in Europe;

REITERATES the need to continue to implement the provisions of previous Resolutions, including
No. 95/1, and the Declaration adopted in Copenhagen on visa attribution for professional
drivers [CEMT/CM(98)9/FINAL].

RECOMMENDS:

In general

- that work at international level to strengthen market integration and reduce obstacles to international transport continues for all modes;
- that further opening of markets is needed, and must be accompanied by a sufficient degree of harmonisation of environmental, financial, social and safety conditions;
- that, in order to improve understanding of developments, the statistical monitoring providing information on markets for operators and policy-makers be strengthened;
- that reviews of the barriers and problems facing the transport sector should be carried out regularly and, preferably at an individual country level.

For road freight transport

- that supplementary increases in the multilateral quota need to be considered in the light of progress achieved in various fields, such as safety, environment and harmonisation of fiscal and social conditions;
- that work on social and fiscal harmonisation should be pursued rapidly in line with the mandates in documents [CEMT/CM(99)13/FINAL and CEMT/CM(99)14/FINAL];
- that, without calling into question the importance of bilateral agreements, consideration needs to begin on whether and how the multilateral framework for road transport can be further strengthened.

For rail transport

- that governments should ensure, to the greatest possible extent, management freedom for rail operators and infrastructure managers so as to foster integration of rail markets;
- that Governments should encourage increased co-operation between rail operators and between infrastructure managers to support the improvement of international rail services.

For inland waterways

- that the compatibility of the different regimes in Europe should be improved so that this means of transport can be fully developed and wider market access promoted.

For combined transport

- that a broader approach which encompasses, inter alia, short sea shipping, be developed;
- that further investigation be made on how the barriers to the development of combined transport in CEE countries can be overcome, in particular as far as interoperability of systems is concerned.

INSTRUCTS the Committee of Deputies to initiate the necessary work to implement the provisions of this Resolution.