

**RESOLUTION No. 50
ON THE REMOVAL OF OBSTACLES TO
INTERNATIONAL GOODS TRANSPORT**

[CM(84)17 Final]

The Council of Ministers, meeting in Oslo, on 22nd and 23rd May 1984,

HAVING REGARD to the report on obstacles to international transport [CM(84)11];

BEARING IN MIND:

- The continuing increase in frontier crossing traffic by all modes of goods transport;
- The necessity of reducing waiting times at frontiers by a better organisation of controls and formalities in order to eliminate all unnecessary delays and their costs;
- That in addition to a general framework of arrangements at international level for the facilitation of cross frontier transport, detailed arrangements for improvement of conditions, at particular frontier crossing points are often best made between countries at bilateral restricted group or regional organisation level, and that such action is in fact taking place in many areas in the ECMT region.

TAKES NOTE:

- That although progress has been made in some areas since the adoption of ECMT Resolution No. 32 of 1974 on obstacles affecting international road freight transport when crossing frontiers, and that special studies have been made on the improvement of international transport by rail, the present situation cannot be described as satisfactory;
- That efforts made in other international organisations, notably in the UN Economic Commission for Europe and in the European Economic Community have led to the formulation of international regulations and conventions covering frontier crossing transport.

DECIDES:

1. To take the necessary measures to accept and implement the UN Economic Commission for Europe international Convention of 21st October 1982 on the harmonization of frontier controls of goods;
2. To introduce as soon as possible measures drawing upon those detailed in the EEC Directive of 1st December 1983 on the facilitation of physical inspections and administrative formalities in respect of the carriage of goods between Member States;
3. To undertake all efforts to seek -- over and above measures of improvement already in force or in the stage of preparation -- new ways and means for the further reduction of obstacles to the international transport of goods;

4. to keep ECMT informed of the results of arrangements at bilateral, existing regional organisational or restricted group levels, to speed up and facilitate the movement of traffic at frontiers.

RECOMMENDS that Ministers of Transport of Member countries of ECMT do everything possible to achieve co-ordination at national and international levels of efforts to simplify measures imposed at frontier crossings and which fall within the competence of other Ministries.

INSTRUCTS the Committee of Deputies to report by November 1985 on the implementation of the above decisions.