

**RESOLUTION No. 55 CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A SYSTEM OF SHORT-TERM LICENCES
VALID FOR 30 DAYS UNDER THE MULTILATERAL QUOTA
FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT OF GOODS BY ROADⁱ**

[CM(85)20 Final]

The Council of Ministers of Transport, meeting in Paris on 22nd November 1985,

CONSIDERING that the purpose of the multilateral system of licences for the international transport of goods by road is to enable the most rational and intensive use to be made of transport capacities authorised to provide such services at the European level;

CONSIDERING that it is advisable to enable operators to meet transport requirements that are specific of a short-term nature;

CONSIDERING that it would be useful for Member countries to be able to make it easier, depending on the circumstances, for other transport undertakings to gain access to multilateral traffic without, however, having to issue annual multilateral licences, and that this would be a way of enabling these undertakings to adapt better to such traffic by actually taking part in it;

HAVING REGARD to Resolution No. 26 in its version of 10th November 1977 [CM(77)30] as amended by Resolution No. 34 of 1st June 1978 [CM(78)11 Final], No. 42 of 21st May 1980 [CM(80)15 Final] and No. 46 of 18th May 1983 [CM(83)9 Final] concerning the multilateral quota for the international transport of goods by road;

NOTING the desire of the Member countries to make all possible improvements contributing to the full use of the ECMT multilateral quota system and also noting the results obtained with the short-term licence system after an initial trial period of two years;

DECIDES THAT:

- Member countries shall be allowed to convert annual multilateral licences into short-term multilateral licences valid for 30 days in the ratio:
 - one annual multilateral licence to 12 short-term multilateral licences valid for 30 days;
 - the maximum number of annual licences convertible into short-term licences shall be 20 per cent of the quota allocated to each Member country;
- the conversion of annual licences to short-term licences shall be optional;

-- this Resolution shall come into force on 1st January 1986 for a trial period of two years.

The Committee of Deputies is instructed:

-- to supervise the implementation of this Resolution;

-- to submit a report to the Council of Ministers on the functioning of this system before the end of the trial period and to make fresh proposals on the subject.

ⁱ The Austrian Delegation has entered a reservation regarding the proposals that are subject of this Resolution.