

**RESOLUTION No. 50 ON ROAD SAFETY OF CHILDREN**

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The Council of Ministers of Transport, meeting in Madrid on 26th and 27th May 1987,

**HAVING REGARD** to the report of the Committee of Deputies on the safety of children;

**CONSIDERING:**

- that the premature death of young road users must be regarded as particularly unacceptable, precisely because they are children;
- that traffic accidents represent the most common cause of accidental death among children under 15 years old;
- that it has adopted several Resolutions since 1975 with a view to reducing the mortality of children in road accidents, and that the in-depth study by the OECD Scientific Expert Group on Traffic Safety of Children presents valuable analyses which supplement the statistics on children's deaths and injuries in road traffic;

**RECOMMENDS** the Member countries of ECMT:

- to pay due regard to the safety aspects in the planning of the traffic environment, especially in residential areas, considering the child's inherent need for living range, and to organise through traffic in residential areas by physical and regulatory means;
- to pay special attention, outside residential areas, to the design and location of crossing facilities used by children, especially near the schools and in places where children move a lot in the traffic;
- to inform drivers about children's difficulties in traffic and to instruct them to be aware of the children's specific capabilities and limitations;
- to provide children at different ages with training designed to call attention to the risks in the environment where the child plays and exists;
- to emphasize the roles of parents as instructors of their children, especially before school age, and as an example to children and young people in traffic;
- to inform parents about the risks due to the fact that children are entering traffic at an increasingly early age as cyclists, or indeed as drivers of mopeds;
- to encourage the development and use of a light protective helmet suitable for cycling;
- to urge parents to transport those children who cannot use seat belts in appropriate child seats.