The Council of Ministers of Transport, meeting in Paris on 19th November 1987,

CONSIDERING:

-- that the safe transport of dangerous goods is a priority objective;

-- that developments in computers and telematics offer new possibilities to set up and use data banks;

-- that the availability, for industry, for transporters and the public authorities of reliable, accurate and usable information on the rules in force is an important factor in safety;

NOTING that dangerous goods data bases have been, or are being set up in several ECMT countries;

DECIDES:

-- to encourage the introduction of data banks on dangerous goods regulations, especially for road transport;

-- to adopt report [CM(87)20] and its conclusions;

BELIEVES that harmonization of the information contained in these banks can be a simplifying factor for those involved in international transport and can contribute to improving the safety of the transport of dangerous goods;

RECOMMENDS:

-- that information on existing or planned projects in Member countries should be circulated by the ECMT Secretariat;

-- that, with a view to increasing the compatibility of the different systems, existing data banks and those which are planned in ECMT Member countries should:

  • have a method of helping to identify the product;

  • contain the basic information listed in Annex 1 of the report [CM(87)20], information which can be accessed using the regulatory name of the product, the UN reference number and the ADR classification;
• be able to provide check lists on the regulations that have to be followed by those involved;

-- that ECMT Members should encourage studies to be undertaken with a view to making harmonised multilingual safety records available as soon as possible;

**ASKS** the Committee of Deputies to report on the implementation of this resolution within three years.