RESOLUTION No 1969/21 CONCERNING MEASURES TO BE TAKEN FOR IMPROVING URBAN TRANSPORT

The Council of Ministers of Transport, meeting in Paris on 16th December 1969,

HAVING CONSIDERED the Report of the Committee of Deputies on Member Countries’ Short and Medium-Term measures concerning Urban Transport [CM(69)27];

NOTING that city traffic difficulties are increasing, chiefly owing to the growth of car ownership;

RECOMMENDS the Member countries of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport to encourage the use of public transport, this constituting the optimum means of absorbing passenger traffic, especially during peak hours, and to proceed with the renewal and gradual expansion of public transport facilities providing comfortable, fast and cheap travel in the towns;

ALSO RECOMMENDS them to promote the formulation of overall plans defining the role of each mode of transport together with the measures appropriate to this end and, within this framework, to encourage the provision of car parks and other parking space on the outskirts of conurbations, and, if the smooth flow of traffic is not thereby impeded, within conurbations themselves;

SUGGESTS the introduction of a co-ordinated policy for the pricing and promotion of urban traffic, involving a link between car park and public transport operators, and designed to encourage suburban motorists to park their cars on the outskirts of conurbations by providing them with attractive transport services for their journeys to city centres;

EMPHASIZES the importance it attaches to research on new techniques;

INSTRUCTS the Committee of Deputies with studies on the financing of public transport investment that are likely to yield concrete results.