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This Resolution was adopted by the Council of Ministers, meeting in Lisbon on 29-30 May 2001.
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The ECMT Council of Ministers of Transport, meeting in Lisbon on 29 and 30 May, 2001:

HAVING REGARD to:

− Declarations from the Pan-European Transport Conferences (Prague, October 1991; Crete, March 1994; Helsinki, June 1997) and in particular the recommendation addressed in the Helsinki Declaration to the EU, ECMT and UN/ECE to monitor the implementation of its provisions;

− The Declaration from The Second International Euro-Asian Conference on Transport (St. Petersburg, 12-13 September 2000);

− ECMT Resolution No. 99/1 on “INTEGRATION OF EUROPEAN INLAND TRANSPORT MARKETS” [CEMT/CM(99)2/FINAL] adopted on 19 and 20 May, 1999, in Warsaw;


TAKING NOTE of:

− the report and documents from the Transport Policy Forum in Paris 26-27 February 2001 [CEMT/CM(2001)1], its assessment of the transport policy priorities and the main conclusions and recommendations;

BEARING IN MIND:

− the changing context for European transport resulting from the expansion of ECMT’s membership and the future enlargement of the EU;

RECOGNISING that:

− in many CEEC countries significant transport reforms, and institutional and legislative changes have been undertaken, but the transition process in many cases is slow and difficult;

− despite differences in living standards, transport problems faced are increasingly similar across the ECMT and that therefore a continent wide dialogue is more than ever needed;
REAFFIRMING:

- the role of ECMT in the development of Pan-European Transport Policy and its support for CEEC countries in harmonisation of their transport policies in a Pan-European context;

AGREES:

- to prepare and regularly update comprehensive national transport policy documents defining the objectives and summarising measures to be implemented;
- to take into consideration in the formulation of the transport policy documents the results and recommendations of the ECMT Transport Policy Forum;

INSTRUCTS the Committee of Deputies:

- to initiate the necessary work to implement this Resolution;
- to continue to monitor the development of transport policies in CEEC in a Pan-European framework;
- to examine practical ways that ECMT can contribute, in an integration context, to improving dialogue on future EU policy initiatives.