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**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT OECD/ECMT  
TRANSPORT RESEARCH CENTRE**

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## THE COUNCIL

Having regard to the Convention on the Organisation for Economic co-operation and Development of 14<sup>th</sup> December 1960 and, in particular, articles 2 b), 5a), 9 and 20 thereof;

Having regard to the Financial Rules of the Organisation;

Having regard to Rule 18 a) iii) of the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation;

Having regard to the Decision of the Council on the programme of co-operation in the field of road transport research and intermodal linkages [C(96)90/FINAL];

Having regard to the Recommendation of the Council of the OEEC on the establishment of a European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) of 24<sup>th</sup> July 1953 [C/M (53)22(Final)] and to the Decision of the Council concerning relations between the Organisation and the ECMT of 30<sup>th</sup> September 1961 [C/M(61)1(Final)];

Having regard to Report of Working Group 3 on improving the co-operation and co-ordination with the affiliated bodies of the OECD [HOD (2003)1];

Mindful of the resolutions of the Council of 28 March and 25 July 2002 concerning the creation of new subsidiary bodies [C/M(2002)6 and C/M(2002)17];

Noting that Working Group 3 recommended that “the OECD should support the creation of a Joint OECD/ECMT Transport Policy Research Unit” and that “this would merge the activities undertaken in the field of transport research by the ECMT’s Economic Research Committee and the OECD/RTR’s Steering Committee”;

Noting that the Council of Ministers of the ECMT agreed on 24-25 April 2003 “to create a joint ECMT-OECD Transport Research Centre, in which members of the two organisation will have full and equal rights” [CEMT/CM(2003)12/FINAL];

On the proposal of the Secretary-General;

DECIDES:

### **Article 1**

A “Joint OECD/ECMT Transport Research Centre” (hereafter the Centre) is hereby established. The Centre is set up for an initial period of three years.

### **Article 2**

The Centre shall promote economic development and contribute to structural improvements of OECD and ECMT economies, through co-operative transport research programmes addressing all modes of inland transport and their intermodal linkages in a wider economic, social, environmental and institutional context.

### **Article 3**

The Centre shall be open to all OECD and ECMT Member countries. OECD Members which, at the time of the adoption of the present Resolution, already participated in the Programme of co-operation in the

field of road transport research and intermodal linkages [C(96)90/FINAL], shall participate in the Centre subject to a notification to the contrary to the Secretary-General of the OECD not later than 120 days before the entry into force of the Resolution.

The Centre shall closely co-operate with the OECD Maritime Transport Committee and all other relevant bodies of the OECD and the ECMT.

#### **Article 4**

The Centre will be governed by a "Joint OECD/ECMT Transport Research Committee" (hereafter the Committee). The Committee will bring together representatives of the existing OECD/RTR Steering Committee and the ECMT Economic Research Committee.

#### **Article 5**

The Committee shall:

- a) establish a programme of work that reflects the interests of both ECMT and OECD Members, consistent with a budget dedicated to this transport research programme. This programme of work will use as a base the draft programme of work for the period 2004 to 2006 of the RTR Steering Committee [DSTI/DOT/RTR/SC (2003)3] and the draft programme of the ECMT Economic Research Committee,
- b) ensure that the programme of work is carried out through co-operative research working groups, round tables, seminars and other working methods that the Committee considers appropriate,
- c) invite international organisations, institutions dealing with matters related to inland transport as well as industry and representative associations as appropriate to participate in selected aspects of the work of the Centre,
- d) monitor the execution of its programme of work,
- e) report on its activities to the extended ECMT Committee of Deputies and finally to Transport Ministers of OECD and ECMT countries at annual ECMT ministerial meetings,
- f) report on its activities annually to the OECD Council, and
- g) perform any other function that the governing bodies of both Organisations may jointly decide.

#### **Article 6**

The expenditure arising from the implementation of the work of the Centre shall be financed on an equal basis by countries participating in the OECD/RTR programme and the ECMT and shall be charged against the appropriations authorised under the non-consolidated Part II of the Budget of the Organisation.

The expenditure for special programmes could be financed through voluntary contributions by private and public institutions.

The budget of the Centre shall be used exclusively to implement the programme of work established by the Committee.

Except as otherwise agreed by the governing bodies of both Organisations, all the Centre staff-related costs including costs linked to the end of appointments shall be borne by the Centre.

#### **Article 7**

The Centre is to be served by officials working exclusively on transport research issues. Officials, who are administratively integrated into the OECD, shall be appointed in accordance with the OECD's recruitment procedures. Notwithstanding the provisions of Staff Regulation 7 b) and the related instruction 107/1, the Secretary-General of the OECD shall be authorised to recruit nationals from any non-OECD country member of the ECMT, as officials for the Centre.

The Head of the Centre, who will be in charge of the day-to-day management of the Centre, will be appointed on a joint decision of the Secretary-General of the OECD and the Secretary-General of the ECMT.

The Secretary-General of the ECMT exercises operational guidance over the officials of the Centre with regard to the day to day implementation of the work programme and budget. In doing so he/she will ensure the necessary consultations with the OECD Secretariat.

Unless otherwise decided by the governing bodies of both Organisations, the Secretary General of the OECD and the Secretary-General of the ECMT shall be jointly responsible for the administration of the programme of work and the budget of the Centre.

#### **Article 8**

The Resolution comes into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2004. It will expire on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 unless the Council decides otherwise.