

RESOLUTION No. 99/3 ON CRIME IN TRANSPORT

[CEMT/CM(99)4/FINAL]

The ECMT Council of Ministers of Transport, meeting in Warsaw on 19 and 20 May, 1999:

NOTING the report [CEMT/CM(99)11], reviewing progress since the adoption of the comprehensive Resolution (Resolution No. 97/2) in Berlin in 1997.

NOTING ALSO THE PROGRESS MADE:

- to better understand the nature and extent of transport related crime;
- to improve information flows between the various bodies implicated in the fight against crime;
- to draw up a treaty concerning a European Vehicle and Driving Licence Information System (EUCARIS);
- to inform hauliers of the risks and to give them advice on *inter alia* safe parking places through, the publication of the joint IRU/ECMT booklet;
- to reform the transit systems within the context of the UN/ECE (in WP30) and the EU (Action Plan, including the New Computerised Transit System);
- by the haulage profession (through their national associations) and the IRU, notably through the development of the SAFETIR system.

CONCERNED:

- that crime is taking on new forms and using all modes;
- that data on the subject are still unreliable, making assessments of the extent and nature of crime difficult, as well as making international comparisons unreliable;
- that illegal immigration has become a new problem.

REITERATE the importance of continuing actively to implement the provisions of Resolution No. 97/2 adopted in Berlin.

IN ADDITION:

In relation to the Theft of Goods:

RECOMMENDS:

In general

- that further work to obtain and make available comparable information on transport crime (including harmonised definitions and concepts) should be undertaken;
- the examination of how anti-theft devices and communication systems which allow vehicles and wagons to be tracked can be brought quickly onto the market;
- that Member countries identify high-risk locations and situations, so that surveillance and checks can be targeted.
- In relation to road transport
- that countries should consider joining the European Vehicle and Driving Licence Information system, known as 'EUCARIS';
- that ECMT and IRU should update the handbook on parking provisions, improving it where possible by the addition of information on the levels of security and services available.

In relation to Fraud in the Transit Systems:

URGES:

- UN/ECE, in particular WP30, to complete stage two of the reform of the TIR convention as rapidly as possible;
- the European Community and the national customs administrations concerned, to complete in the short term the current reform process of the Community and common transit systems and to allocate the necessary resources for their computerisation and proper functioning;
- Customs authorities to give full attention to the possibility of shortening significantly the notification period for non-discharged operations;
- national associations, in collaboration with competent authorities, to seek solutions to the problem of the outstanding debts.

In relation to Illegal Immigrants:

REQUESTS:

- national authorities, where appropriate, to draw up regulations on the conduct of investigations;
- shippers and hauliers to do everything possible to ensure that their vehicles are secure when being loaded or while parked.

REQUESTS THE COMMITTEE OF DEPUTIES:

- to set up appropriate methods and structures so that ECMT can contribute to the fight against crime through focussed actions on the particular issues identified above;
- to report back again on the progress in implementing these recommendations and those in Resolution No. 97/2 and on any further actions that need to be taken.