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**RESOLUTION No. 91/5 ON THE POWER AND SPEED OF VEHICLES**

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The Council of Ministers of Transport, meeting in Paris on 21st November 1991,

**NOTING** that there is widespread concern with the growing power and potential speed of vehicles, both cars and heavy vehicles;

**AWARE:**

- That this growing power has detrimental effects on safety behaviour, on air pollution, on noise, on fuel consumption and on compliance with existing speed limits;
- That the transport sector needs to limit its emissions of greenhouse gases, especially carbon dioxide;
- That clear political signals need to be given to manufacturers, distributors, road transport operators and consumers.

**AGREES:**

- That the continuous increase in the power of vehicles (cars and heavy goods vehicles) is undesirable and unacceptable for safety, environmental and energy conservation reasons;
- That a range of actions is needed to halt and reverse the observed trends.

**RECOMMENDS:**

- That the appropriate international organisations (UN/ECE, EC) should urgently examine the need to draw up regulations on maximum power-to-weight ratios to supplement existing and/or planned regulations e.g. on minimum ratios;
- That the taxation of vehicles and fuels should be consistent with and reinforce the policy aim of limiting the growth in vehicle power and potential speed;
- That advertising which puts undue accent on power and speed characteristics of vehicles should be ended; discussions with vehicle manufacturers and/or distributors should be held with a view to drawing up a code of practice;
- That the enforcement of existing speed limit regulations be improved, for example, through the introduction of speed governors for heavy vehicles.

**INSTRUCTS** the Committee of Deputies:

- To submit formally this Resolution to UN/ECE for its immediate attention and to EC, UNCED (United Nations Conference on Environment and Development), and OECD for information;
- To also communicate this Resolution to vehicle manufacturers, distributors and hauliers;
- To report as soon as possible on its implementation.