



**Economic and Social  
Council**

Distr.  
GENERAL

TRANS/WP.1/2000/31  
4 July 2000

Original: ENGLISH and FRENCH

---

**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Working Party on Road Traffic Safety  
(Thirty-fifth session, 3-6 October 2000,  
agenda item 5)

**EVALUATION OF THE THIRD ROAD SAFETY WEEK IN THE ECE REGION**

Transmitted by the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT)

The attached declaration on safety in road traffic for vulnerable users, adopted at the Prague meeting of the Council of Ministers of Transport (30-31 May 2000), is made available to the Working Party for information.

\* \* \*

**DECLARATION ON SAFETY IN ROAD TRAFFIC FOR VULNERABLE USERS**

The Council of Ministers, meeting in Prague on 30-31 May 2000,

**AFFIRMS** that the development of a coherent pan-European transport system should be of benefit to all users. It has accordingly resolved, among other objectives of transport policy, to attach special attention to vulnerable road users, in order to guarantee them a real mobility that is also safe;

**RECALLS** that in the last few years it has dealt with the specific problems of vulnerable road users on numerous occasions and from several aspects. For example, in 1997, 1998 and 1999, it approved three reports and three draft resolutions forming a triptych dealing with cyclists, pedestrians and moped riders and motorcyclists respectively:

- Resolution on cyclists [CEMT/CM(97)11]
- Resolution on pedestrians [CEMT/CM(98)19/FINAL]
- Resolution on moped riders and motorcyclists [CEMT/CM(99)17].

The Council **RECOMMENDS** that all countries implement these Resolutions, as soon as possible.

In this connection, the Council recalls that the UN/ECE organised, from 1 to 7 May 2000, the Third Road Safety Week on the theme “Partnership on the road increases safety”, and that the ECMT contributed to this week by publishing the three aforementioned reports and resolutions.

The Council is nonetheless aware that much still remains to be done to improve the safety of vulnerable users, both at the level of behaviour and infrastructure and vehicles. The aim is not, however, to promote a single model but to strive to develop several strategies incorporating the various differences that exist from one country to another, and to pursue the exchange of experiences with regard to the different approaches, drawing upon what it is agreed to call “good practice”.

To this end, the Council:

**REAFFIRMS** the ECMT’s approach, this being:

- to take a forward-looking approach to transport and road safety policies;
- to formulate recommendations on the basis of which governments and the competent organisations and institutions can develop appropriate regulations;
- to contribute, in co-operation with bodies and organisations directly involved, to developing strategies to bring about the necessary changes, particularly behavioural ones, which cannot be achieved by legal provisions alone;

**INSTRUCTS** the Committee of Deputies to take all the necessary steps to implement this approach and to report back to it in due course on the measures it advocates for this purpose.

---