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DECISION OF THE COUNCIL

concerning the mandate of the Steering Committee for Road Transport Research

(adopted by the Council at its 880th Session, on 27 June 1996 [C/M(96)15/PROV])

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THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of 14th December 1960 and, in particular, Articles 2 b), 5 a), 9 and 20 thereof;

Having regard to the Financial Regulations of the Organisation and, in particular, Articles 5, 10 and 14 b) thereof;

Having regard to the Decision of the Council concerning a Programme of Co-operation in the Field of Road Research [C(67)132(Final)] and to the Resolution by which the name of the Programme was changed to "Programme of Co-operation in the Field of Road Transport Research [C/M(82)27/PART1/FINAL, Item 253-II];

Considering that the governments of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States have formally expressed their willingness to participate in an international programme of co-operation in the field of road transport research;

Desiring to update the mandate of the Steering Committee for Road Transport Research;

On the proposal of the Steering Committee for Road Transport Research:

DECIDES:

Article 1

With a view to promoting co-operation in the field of road transport research by means of joint action of Member countries concerned, the Council shall adopt every two years a Programme of Co-operation in the Field of Road Transport Research (hereinafter called the "Programme"). The Programme shall be drawn up by a Steering Committee for Road Transport Research (hereinafter called the "Steering Committee") and carried out by the Secretary-General.

Article 2

a) The Steering Committee shall be composed of representatives of each Member country participating in the Programme.

b) The members of the Steering Committee shall be appointed by the governments of participating countries.

c) The government of each participating country may appoint alternates to the members which it has appointed to the Steering Committee.

d) The Steering Committee shall designate each year from among its members a Chairman and a Bureau including the former chairman and four other Members.
Article 3

a) The Steering Committee shall be concerned with all matters arising out of the promotion of co-operation in the field of road transport research. In that field it shall in particular exercise the powers and functions defined in this Article as well as other powers which may be delegated to it by the Council. It shall exercise its functions in accordance with the Decisions and Resolutions of the Council.

b) The Steering Committee shall draw up the Programme, which shall be submitted to the Council.

c) The Steering Committee shall transmit its comments on the estimated cost of the Programme to the Council.

d) The Steering Committee shall receive regular reports on the execution of the Programme.

e) The Steering Committee may, consistently with the Programme and any other decision of the Council, make decisions concerning the implementation of special joint research projects and co-operative schemes for technology transfer and information exchange in which Members countries are directly engaged as participants. It may invite institutions from non-member countries to participate in technical activities related to such projects and schemes.

Article 4

a) The expenditure arising from the implementation of the Programme shall be defrayed from the appropriations authorised for it in Part II of the Budget of the Organisation.

b) The expenditure due to the implementation of special joint research projects and co-operative schemes for technology transfer and information exchange may be financed through voluntary contributions.

Article 5

The Secretary-General shall establish with other international organisations dealing with matters relating to road transport research such working relations as may be appropriate to facilitate the carrying out of the Programme. In particular, he shall establish working relations with the European Conference of Ministers of Transport, having regard to the objectives and programmes of the two institutions.

Article 6

a) The Member countries listed in the Preamble shall be the countries participating in the Programme.

b) Any other Member country may be accepted to participate in the Programme in conditions laid down by the Council.
Article 7

The Council will review the provisions of this Decision within a period of five years.

The Decision of the Council concerning a Programme of Co-operation in the Field of Road Research [C(67)132(Final)] is hereby repealed.