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by Mr SEEFELD

on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional
Planning and Transport

to the Council of the European Communities

Subject: European driving licence

What conclusions as to the urgent need for the introduction of a European driving licence will the Council draw from the ruling of the Court of Justice of the European Communities of 28 November 1978 in case 16/78?

Is the Council aware of the fact that under the present administrative practice of the Member States, citizens of other EC countries are required to obtain a national driving licence of their country of residence?

Does the Council also realize that, despite the Court's verdict that this administrative practice does not conflict with the Treaty provisions, the citizens of the Member States find it contrary to the spirit of European cooperation, particularly with the approach of direct elections?

Is the Council aware that the introduction of a European driving licence would be viewed by EC citizens as a symbol of the Community's genuine intention and ability to grant greater freedom of movement to those persons who attach value to closer relations between peoples and countries?

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