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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION (*)

tabled by Mr K. NYBORG, vice-chairman,

on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport

on speeds limits within the European Economic Community

(*) Adopted on 21 May 1975 unanimously with one abstention.

Present: Mr. McDonald, chairman; Mr. Nyborg, vice-chairman and rapporteur; Mr. Gerlach, vice-chairman; Mr. Corrie, Mr. De Clercq, Mr. Giraud, Mr. Kavanagh, Mrs. Kellet-Bowman, Mr. Marras, Mr. Mitterdorfer, M. Mursch, Mr. Noè

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The European Parliament,

- conscious of, and deeply concerned by, the enormous cost in terms of human lives and suffering occasioned by road accidents which - in present circumstances - are in many cases caused by excessive speeds;
 - recognizing that such accidents also have a serious incidence on the economy;
 - having regard to the different and often contradictory unilateral measures taken by the Member States at the beginning of the energy crisis and the difficulties which those measures have caused;
 - having regard to the fact that road safety and, above all, questions connected with the speed of motor vehicles have always been a concern of the European Parliament (1);
 - emphasizing the fact that both the European Conference of Ministers of Transport and the UN Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva are working towards the establishment of a speed limit system applicable to the whole of Europe, which would, however, make only a limited contribution to the improvement of road safety;
 - regretting that no tangible progress has yet been made within the Community towards the introduction of a uniform system for the improvement of road safety;
 - realizing that it is difficult, in the absence of detailed studies and statistical data, to work out optimum provisions for limiting the speeds of different categories of motor vehicles on different types of road;
1. Calls on the Commission of the European Communities, in conjunction with the other European organizations concerned and representatives of the transport sector, to carry out the necessary studies;
 2. Requests the Commission, in the light of these studies, to submit to the Council as soon as possible proposals for flexible measures to regulate speeds within the Community for different categories of motor vehicles on different types of road under varying conditions, but stopping short of blanket measures to limit speeds

(1) OJ No. C 85 of 13.10.1973, p. 14
OJ No. C 56 of 8. 3.1975, p. 6
OJ No. C 80 of 9. 7.1974, p. 24
OJ No. C 53 of 9. 5.1974, p. 29
OJ No. C 39 of 6. 4.1974, p. 27

3. Urges the Council to adopt such proposals without delay once they are submitted to it by the Commission, bearing in mind the opinion of the European Parliament concerning the Commission's proposals.
4. Instructs its appropriate committee to keep this question under review and, if necessary, to report on it;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.