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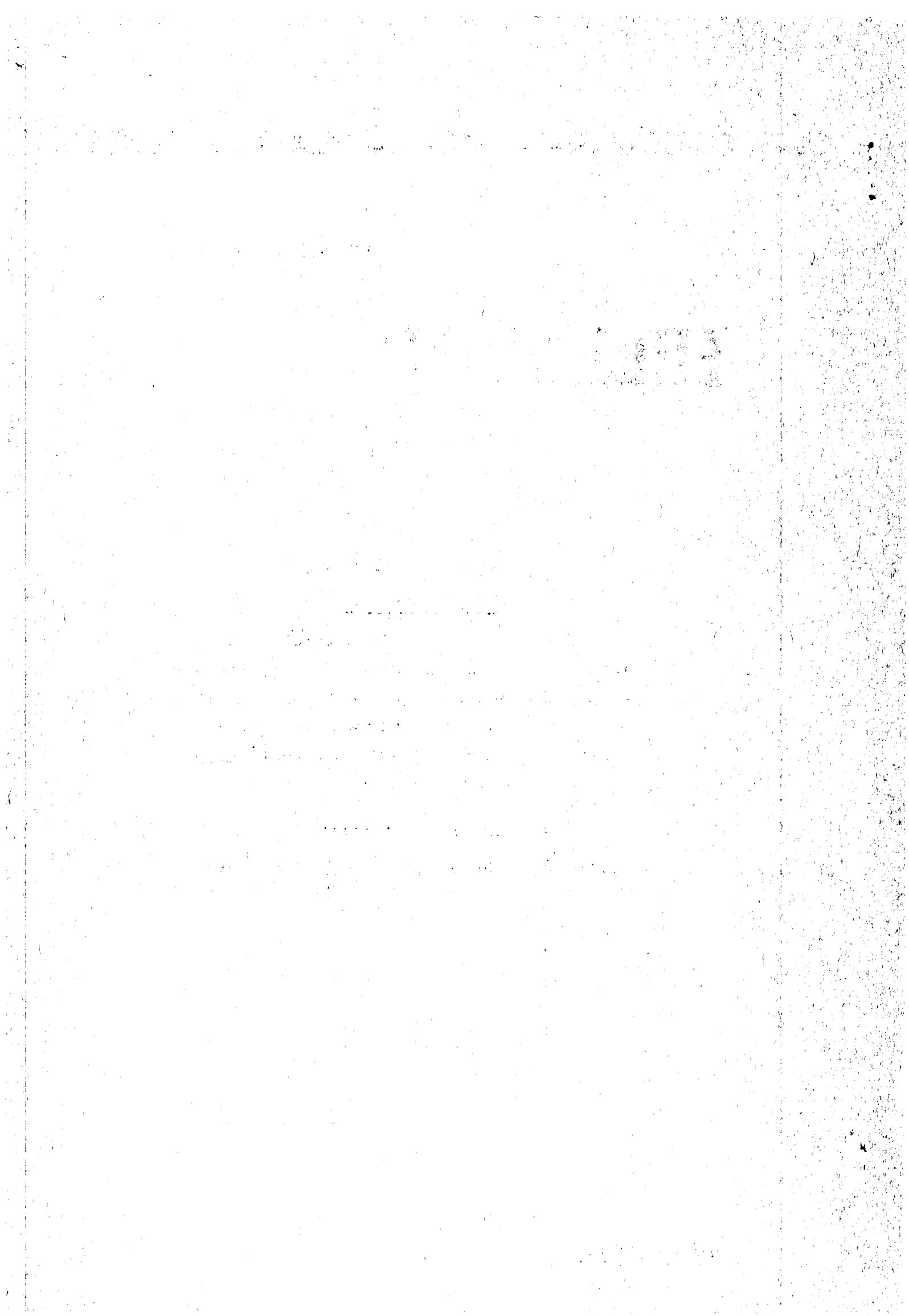
Brussels, 11 February 1976

Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

supplementing the Council Decision of 15
October 1975 on the opening of negotiations
for an Agreement between the European Economic
Community and third countries on the rules
applicable to the international carriage of
passengers by coach and bus

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)



EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The Council Decision of 15 October 1975 authorized the Commission to negotiate an Agreement between the European Economic Community and Austria, Greece, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Yugoslavia with a view to establishing uniform rules applicable to occasional services for the international carriage of passengers by coach and bus from or to any one of these third countries or between two Member States via any one of these third countries.

2. The choice of these third countries was dictated by their interest in extending and applying the Community provisions, their geographical location and/or volume of traffic with the Member States of the Community. The negotiations will relate primarily to occasional services.

3. In view of the growth of occasional road passenger services between the Member States and Finland it seems appropriate to include Finland in the negotiations so that rational solutions can be found to problems connected with setting-up, operating and monitoring these services. Moreover, it should be noted that Finland has just been admitted to the discussions taking place in the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) of which all the other third countries with which negotiations will be held pursuant to the Council Decision of 15 October 1975 are already members.



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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Council Decision of 15 October 1975¹ authorized the Commission to open negotiations with certain third countries with a view to concluding an Agreement between the European Economic Community and those countries on the rules applicable to the international carriage of passengers by coach and bus;

Whereas, in view of the increasing volume of traffic carried on occasional services between the Member States and Finland, it is considered that the scope of the negotiations should be inclined to include that country,

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(1) Doc. R/2828/75 (TRANS 102) of 17 November 1975

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HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

In Article 1 of the Council Decision of 15 October 1975 on the opening of negotiations for an Agreement between the European Economic Community and third countries on the rules applicable to the international carriage of passengers by coach and bus, Finland shall be added to the countries with which the Commission is authorized to open the said negotiations.

Done at,

For the Council

The President