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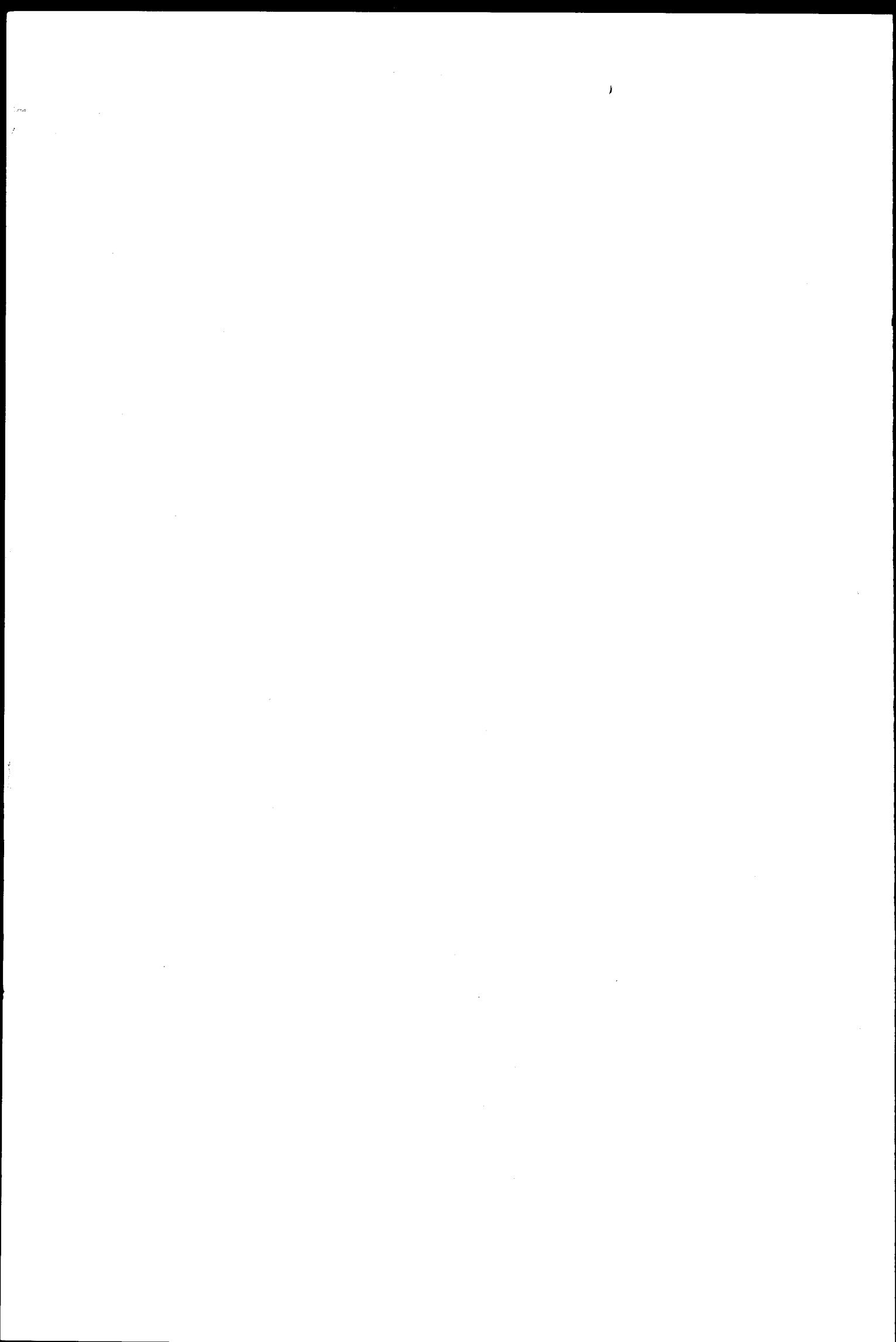
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## Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 78/74) for a Regulation extending Regulation (EEC) No. 1174/68 of the Council of 30 July 1968 on the introduction of a system of bracket tariffs for the carriage of goods by road between Member States

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By letter of 2 May 1974, the President of the Council requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion on a proposal for a Council Regulation extending Regulation (EEC) No. 1174/68 of the Council of 30 July 1968 on the introduction of a system of bracket tariffs for the carriage of goods by road between Member States.

On 13 May 1974, the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport as the committee responsible.

The Committee on Regional Policy and Transport appointed Mr Schwabe rapporteur on 4 June 1974. The Committee considered the proposal at its meeting of 4 June 1974.

At its meeting of 4 June 1974 the Committee unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution and the explanatory statement.

The following were present: Mr James Hill, Chairman, Mr Kollwelter, Vice-Chairman, Mr Schwabè, rapporteur, Mr Berthoin, Mr Colin, Mr Delmotte, Mr Fabbrini, Mr Gerlach, Mr Liogier, Mr Marras, Mr Mitterdorfer, Mr Mursch, Mr Pêtre, Mr Pounder, Mr Scholten and Mr Terrenoire (deputizing for Mr Herbert).

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The Committee on Regional Policy and Transport hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation extending Regulation (EEC) No. 1174/68 of the Council of 30 July 1968 on the introduction of a system of bracket tariffs for the carriage of goods by road between Member States.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 465);
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 78/74);
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 125/74),
1. **Recalls** that on 3 April 1974<sup>1</sup> it adopted a motion for a resolution concerning a report from the Commission to the Council in connection with the operation of Regulation (EEC) No. 1174/68 and a proposal from the Commission to the Council for a regulation amending that regulation<sup>2</sup>.
  2. **Considers** that the present proposal only seeks to continue in force for a further period the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No. 1174/68 which it has already agreed.
  3. **Approves** therefore the Commission's proposal.
  4. **Instructs** its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>1</sup> O.J. No. C 48, 25.4.1974

<sup>2</sup> O.J. No. C 8, 31.1.1974

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. The proposed Regulation is intended to extend the life of Regulation (EEC) No. 1174/68, which introduced a system of bracket tariffs for the carriage of goods by road between Member States, until 31 December 1976.
2. In their report contained in Document 19/74 which was agreed to unanimously by the European Parliament on 3 April 1974<sup>1</sup>, the Committee described briefly the aims and history of the parent Regulation as amended by further Regulations. The Committee would now recall that the obligatory system of bracket tariffs introduced by Regulation (EEC) No. 1174/68 was experimental and was designed to provide experience which could lead to the setting up of a permanent and more flexible system of reference tariffs to be applied subsequently.
3. As the Committee have already pointed out in Document 19/74 delays in the implementation of the original tariff system by Member States and the accession of three new Member States in 1973 have so far made it impossible for sufficient experience to be gathered to arrive at a more flexible system by the date currently envisaged, namely 1 January 1975. They consider therefore that the Commission's proposal to extend the duration of bracket tariffs is acceptable, noting the Commission's statement that 'This proposal should not be considered to be a political option in favour of this tariff system and of continuing in this way. There is no indication, after all, that the present experiment should lead to the supposition that the present system should become permanent.'
4. They would take this opportunity however of repeating their hope expressed in Document 19/74 that the Commission's study of Member States' enforcement arrangements for the tariff rules should be made as soon as possible and also that the Commission will submit to the Council proposals for a definitive system as soon as possible.

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<sup>1</sup> O.J. No. C 48, 25.4.1974