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VICE-PRESIDENT SCARASCIA MUGNOZZA AT THE 39TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL  
OF THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF TRANSPORT MINISTERS (VIENNA, 20 JUNE)

Vice-President Scarascia Mugnozza attended the 39th session of the European Conference of Transport Ministers (ECTM) in Vienna on 20 June.

This was the first time that the Commission had been invited to attend the Council of ECTM. This 39th session was to evaluate work in progress on the main European communications networks and problems concerning railways, roads and overland transport.

In his general survey, Vice-President Scarascia Mugnozza spoke of the aims of Community transport policy and emphasised the expected intensification of Community action in various domains such as infrastructure investment, the development of new transport techniques, increased safety and co-operation and complementarity between different transport methods and techniques.

The common transport policy, Vice-President Scarascia Mugnozza said, had a role to play in the outward orientation of the Community and would help to improve conditions for the free movement of people and goods across frontiers.

In conclusion, Vice-President Scarascia Mugnozza anticipated that regular meetings and exchange of views between the member states of ECTM at the level of its Council and the Commission to discuss the main directions of their respective tasks could constitute one of the instruments of an outward-looking attitude and rapprochement as between the Community and the countries represented in ECTM.

Apart from the meetings of the Council, Vice-President Scarascia Mugnozza had a series of talks with various transport ministers of Member States of the Community with a view in particular to preparing the "Transport Council" to be held on 27 June 1974 in Luxembourg.