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on further harmonisation of Community road passenger transport legislation

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Written declaration on further harmonisation of Community road passenger transport legislation

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. having regard to its legislative resolution of 14 December 2006 on the Council common position for adopting a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on driving licences (9010/1/2006 – C6-0312/2006 – 2003/0252(COD)) and to earlier measures on the harmonisation of driving licence systems,
- B. emphasising that the overall objective of the above harmonising measures was and is to facilitate the free movement of Community citizens and to contribute towards improving road safety,
- C. aware of the importance of road transport for the Community's objectives and for the Lisbon Strategy, particularly in terms of the free movement of Community citizens,
- D. pointing out that the free movement of citizens by road is restricted and complicated by, among other things, divergent systems of motorway tolls and tax discs, as well as by divergent systems of traffic offences and penalties,
 1. Calls on the Commission, in its legislative initiative, to focus on further eliminating road transport problems in the Community, paying particularly attention to harmonising motorway transport legislation;
 2. Calls on the Council and the Governments of the Member States to give serious consideration to the possibility of harmonising legislation on traffic offences and penalties;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the Member States.