

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3531/03
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to the Council

Subject: Statements by the President of the Transport Council after the informal Transport Council in Verona

After the informal ministerial meeting of Transport Ministers in Verona, at which safety on motorways was considered, the President of the Transport Council, Mr Lunardi, suggested that the speed limit on certain motorways in Italy should be raised experimentally to 150 km/h.

1. Is the President of the Transport Council aware of the Commission's plans in the field of road safety, as set out in the White Paper on 'European transport policy for 2010'?
2. Does the President of the Transport Council agree with the objectives stated in the White Paper regarding the number of people killed on the roads in the period up to 2010, namely that the number should be halved from approximately 40 000 to approximately 20 000?
3. Does the President of the Transport Council consider that the experiment he proposes would contribute to the objectives of the White Paper as regards the number of people killed on the roads? If so, how?