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of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

for the Committee on Transport and Tourism

on "Keep Europe moving – Sustainable mobility for our continent"
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy calls on the Committee on Transport and Tourism, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the Commission's Communication to the European Parliament and the Council, entitled "Keep Europe moving – Sustainable mobility for our continent", which is a review of its 2001 Transport White Paper and the aim of making transport policy more economically, environmentally and socially sustainable;
2. Stresses the importance of European transport policy both for the renewed Lisbon Strategy and the revised sustainable development strategy and welcomes the recent proposal by the Council of Transport Ministers, at the instigation of the German Presidency, to strengthen the role of transport policy when adopting the conclusions of the forthcoming European Council in the spring;
3. Reiterates the need to reduce CO₂ emissions substantially, both from vehicles individually and from the whole transport sector;
4. Recommends the extension of the "avoidance approach" taken in the freight transport sector to passenger transport;
5. Urges the Commission to clearly define the term "co-modality" and to intensify its efforts to achieve a modal shift towards safer, more economical and environmentally-friendly modes, such as rail and waterborne transport;
6. Urges the Commission to present proposals for efficient cabotage legislation aimed at opening up the transport markets, so as to improve transport efficiency which, in turn, will reduce emissions and traffic congestion;
7. Calls on the Commission to give priority to a smaller number of TEN-T projects, oriented towards long-term sustainability, EU-enlargement and cross-border interoperability;
8. Calls on the Commission to give priority, when implementing the Seventh Framework Programme, to projects and programmes concerning intelligent transport systems and logistics, including road safety, urban transport and alternative fuels, while urging both the Member States and other stakeholders to focus on these areas;
9. Stresses that investment in infrastructure and making optimum use of existing transport sector resources in the Member States should be recognised as priorities for the EU's transport policy;
10. Stresses the need to stepwise internalise all external costs in the price of transport, to introduce "the polluter pays" principle and to promote fair competition, especially in the field of road and air transport; in this connection invites the Commission to devise, by the end of 2007, a methodology for the internalisation of external costs and subsequently to propose a new "Eurovignette 3" directive setting minimum charging rates for the

entire EU road network;

11. Urges the Commission and Member States to carefully consider future steps in taxing road traffic on the basis of CO₂ emissions; stresses that revenue from road charges should be reinvested in modern infrastructure and that all the economic implications of the internalisation of external costs in transport prices should be thoroughly assessed;
12. Invites the Commission to take further measures in favour of sustainable transport in mountainous and densely populated areas, following the signature, by the Transport Council on 11 December 2006, of the Transport Protocol to the Alpine Convention;
13. Notes that CO₂ emissions are growing more rapidly in the transport sector than in any other sector and counteract emission reductions in other sectors; given this, regards it as vital to set binding CO₂ emission limits for new vehicles and strict targets for CO₂ emissions for the entire car fleet, possibly in the form of a separate CO₂ Personal Emissions Trading Scheme (PETS) for road transport;
14. Notes the role that biofuels can play in reducing CO₂ emissions from the transport sector; calls on the Commission to ensure EU-wide quality and interoperability standards for biofuels;
15. Calls for the introduction of "transport labels" indicating CO₂ emissions per kilometre for all forms of transport;
16. Emphasises that the European Modular System not only reduces emissions but also improves the efficiency of logistics operations thanks to reduced traffic congestion, and road safety thanks to a smaller number of vehicles on the roads;
17. Calls on the Member States to promote sustainable alternatives for meeting short distance transport needs and urban transport, such as walking, cycling, public transport and car-pooling/sharing, and to take measures to assign a price to CO₂ emissions;
18. Urges the Commission to continue efforts to reduce the climate impact of aviation, including the introduction of kerosene taxation and VAT on EU flight tickets; reiterates that any emissions trading scheme relating to aviation needs to address the full climatic impact of aviation and prevent potential wind-fall profits through the practice of auctioning;
19. Calls on the Commission to integrate energy saving (by speed management) and climate protection (by intensive cooperation with meteorological services) into Air Traffic Management and particularly into the SESAR project;
20. Urges the Commission and Member States to take additional measures and to improve the legal framework in order to boost better performing (transborder) freight and passengers railway services, and maritime and inland waterway transport services in order to facilitate co-modality.

PROCEDURE

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Comments (available in one language only)	