

Signing of an international agreement by the Council (12 July 2000)

Caption: Example of an international agreement, signed by the Council of the European Union on 12 July 2000.

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Signing of the agreement between the European Community and Hungary for the transit of goods by road and the promotion of combined transport

At a ceremony held on 12 July 2000 the European Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Hungary, of the other part, signed the Agreement establishing certain conditions for the carriage of goods by road and the promotion of combined transport.

The Agreement was signed:

For the Community by

Mr Philippe ETIENNE

Deputy Permanent Representative of the French Republic, Chairman of Coreper I

Mr François LAMOUREUX

Director-General of the DG for Energy and Transport at the Commission

For the Republic of Hungary by

Mr Zoltan KAZATSAY

Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Transport

The objective of the Agreement is to promote cooperation between the contracting parties on the transport of goods and, in particular, transit traffic by road. With a view to accession, this Agreement represents a further step towards integration.

Its scope covers not only market access for transit traffic but also legal and administrative supporting measures, cooperation in developing a transport system which meets, *inter alia*, environmental needs and a regular exchange of information on the development of the transport policies of the contracting parties.

The contracting parties undertake to set up a common system for regulating future road transport market access between them. They have also decided to grant, for each calendar year, access to transit traffic for goods vehicles on their territories by means of an exchange of authorisations. With effect from the date on which the Agreement enters into force, the Community will receive 12 500 authorisations valid in Hungary and Hungary will receive 6 000 authorisations valid in the Member States for which adhesive stamps have been attached and 3 000 adhesive stamps for each Member State.

For the conclusion of the Agreement and its entry into force, the assent of the European Parliament is necessary.

It will be recalled that at its meeting on 7 December 1995 the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate one or more agreements on road transit with Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania with a view to resolving the problem of road haulage links between Greece and the other Member States, in particular through the exchange of mutual road transit authorisations. The Agreement with Bulgaria will be signed shortly. Negotiations with Romania are still under way.