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RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL

of 16 December 1993

concerning young drivers

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES, MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Resolution of the European Parliament of 12 March 1993 on a Community programme for action on road safety [1], which recognizes the need for a new, improved campaign of assistance for young inexperienced drivers and calls on the Commission to devote special attention to them;

Whereas in its communication for an action programme on road safety the Commission states that it will examine, on the basis of experience acquired by the Member States, the specific problems encountered by young drivers in traffic;

Whereas in this connection the Commission particularly emphasized the part which can be played by information and awareness campaigns and publicity as means of educating road users, within the framework of national road safety policies;

Whereas in the conclusions which it adopted at its meeting on 29 and 30 November 1993 on the said communication the Council drew attention to the need to focus in particular on the causes of the most serious accidents and on the categories of users most frequently involved in road accidents or victims of them;

Whereas young drivers of cars and two-wheel vehicles, as a result of their inexperience, constitute a particularly vulnerable group of road users,

AGREE that 1995 will be considered as the Year of the Young Driver;

CALL on the Commission to coordinate this initiative with the Member States within an appropriate framework, so that concrete and effective measures are taken to ensure that this initiative has the greatest possible impact on the public concerned.

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[1] OJ No C 115, 26. 4. 1993, p. 260.