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

of 13 November 1986

on the introduction of appropriate signboards at the Community's external frontiers and internal borders

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

Conscious of the fact that it is indispensable that the Community should meet the expectations of the European people by adopting appropriate measures to strengthen and promote its identity and image in the minds of its citizens and *vis-à-vis* third countries;

Taking note of the conclusions of the European Council meeting in Milan on 28 and 29 June 1985 and in The Hague on 25 and 26 June 1986 on the report from the Committee on a People's Europe;

Whereas the report referred to the need to devise border signs of a common design correctly reflecting the progress made towards a genuine single market and the unity of the European Community;

Recalling the Resolution of 23 June 1981 [1] on the design of the uniform passport and the Resolution of 7 June 1984 [2] on the reduction of border controls;

Whereas there is a need to emphasize the fact of the Member States' belonging to the Community and therefore to abolish certain administrative signs symbolizing the separation of those States,

HEREBY ADOPT THIS RESOLUTION:

1. Existing road signs at or near internal Community borders bearing the word 'customs' shall be abolished.

2. At approaches to frontier-crossing points within the Community, Member States shall replace existing 'customs' road signs by signs of the design shown in Annex I. Where appropriate, they may also use speed

[1] OJ No C 241, 19. 9.1981, p. 1.

[2] OJ No C 159, 19. 6. 1984, p. 1.

limit signs and signs indicating the place(s) at which any requisite formalities and obligations to be met shall be completed.

Adjacent Member States shall collaborate in establishing such signs.

3. Existing road signs at points of entry to a Member State, including those at ports and airports, on which the name of that Member State is given, shall correspond to signs of the design shown in Annex II.

4. This Resolution shall be applicable as from 1 January 1988.