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**SPAIN
and
PORTUGAL**

**Protocol concerning the establishment and operation of a
Spanish-Portuguese Technical Commission on major
land transport routes. Signed at Madrid on 24 February
1984**

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Registered by Spain on 28 January 1985.*

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**Protocole relatif à la création et au fonctionnement d'une
Commission technique hispano-portugaise des grands
axes de transport par voie de terre. Signé à Madrid
le 24 février 1984**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

PROTOCOL¹ CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A SPANISH-PORTUGUESE TECHNICAL COMMISSION ON MAJOR LAND TRANSPORT ROUTES

Intending to intensify and strengthen their co-operation, as envisaged in the Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation between Spain and Portugal, signed at Madrid on 22 November 1977,²

Pursuant to the decision of the Spanish-Portuguese summit meeting held at Lisbon in November 1983, to establish a technical commission comprising officials of the two countries with a view to defining a joint strategy for the development of major land transport routes,

In accordance with the decision of the Spanish-Portuguese Council on Co-operation, held at Madrid in December 1983, that the inaugural meeting of the above-mentioned Commission should take place in the first half of 1984,

The two Parties have agreed as follows:

1. There shall be established a Spanish-Portuguese Technical Commission on major Land Transport Routes, hereinafter called “the Commission”.

2. The Commission shall have the following functions:

(a) To define a joint strategy for the development of major land transport routes (roads and railways), designed primarily to ensure communications between Spain and Portugal and between the two Iberian countries and the rest of Europe;

(b) With regard to roads:

To integrate the activities of existing bilateral technical groups concerning the operation of transport services and the co-ordination of the road networks of the two countries and define a common approach to the development of major routes with particular emphasis on the following:

- Porto-Valença-Tuy-La Coruña;
- Porto-Vila Real-Bragança-Zamora-Valladolid-Burgos;
- Aveiro-Viseu-Guárda-Salamanca-Burgos;
- Lisbon-Elvas-Badajoz-Madrid;
- Lisbon-Faro-Huelva-Seville;

(c) With regard to railways:

To define a joint strategy having due regard to the feasibility of modernizing, developing and restructuring railway routes of mutual interest, in particular:

- Porto-Valença-Tuy-La Coruña;
- Lisbon-Coimbra-Vilar Formoso-Fuentes de Oñoro-Salamanca-Burgos-Irún;
- Lisbon-Marvão-Valencia de Alcántara-Cáceres-Madrid;
- Lisbon-Faro-Vila Real de San Antonio-Huelva-Seville;

(d) To co-operate in carrying out the measures required to ensure optimum use of the Duero (Douro) river;

¹ Came into force on 24 February 1984 by signature, in accordance with paragraph 7.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1090, p. 23.

(e) To deal with other questions of common interest in respect of roads, railways and waterways falling within the purview of the Council for Spanish-Portuguese Co-operation;

(f) To work together to develop and maintain common positions in international organizations, especially in Europe.

3. The Commission shall be composed of members designated by the competent Ministers of both countries.

4. The Commission shall meet at least twice a year, alternately in Spain and in Portugal, on dates to be agreed upon through the diplomatic channel.

5. Decisions shall be taken with the agreement of both delegations, subject to approval by the Ministers of each country responsible for the operation and infrastructure of land transport networks.

6. This Protocol shall remain in force for five years and shall be deemed to be automatically renewed for successive periods of one year, unless either Party denounces it, giving six months' notice.

7. This Protocol shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

DONE at Madrid, on 24 February 1984, in duplicate, in the Spanish and Portuguese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government
of Spain:

Ad referendum

[Signed]

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