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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN SPAIN AND FRANCE CONCERNING ROAD SAFETY

I

MINISTER FOR EQUIPMENT, HOUSING, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORT

Paris, 15 December 1987

Sir,

While attending the forum on decentralized road safety policies in Europe held in October 1986 at Aix-en-Provence, we discussed together the idea of institutional cooperation between France and Spain in the field of road safety and traffic.

The fact that, despite the progress made over the past 15 years or so, road safety levels have remained unsatisfactory in most industrialized countries makes it necessary for us to unite our efforts in order to improve road safety.

In the case of France and Spain, whose road traffic systems are similar, such a joint endeavour is bound to be particularly beneficial.

The density of both commercial and private motor traffic between our two countries calls for regular dialogue between our respective administrations entrusted with improving traffic conditions. This in turn can only serve to promote bilateral relations.

Such Franco-Spanish consultations are especially timely given the planned inauguration in 1992 of the large unified market envisaged under the Single European Act. Progress in improving the European road traffic system depends to a considerable extent on tangible regional improvements.

I therefore have the honour, on instructions from my Government, to propose the adoption of the following measures:

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Kingdom of Spain agree to establish a Standing Joint Commission on Road Safety and Road Traffic.

The Commission shall have competence in the following matters:

- (1) Comparative analysis of traffic and safety statistics and exchange of information on the causes and types of accidents;
- (2) A programme aimed at improving user behaviour:
 - (a) Cooperation in mounting information campaigns;
 - (b) Collaboration in the field of drivers' training and education;
 - (c) Joint studies and action relating to the monitoring of traffic violations;

¹ Came into force on 22 June 1989, the date of the last of the notifications (effected on 11 February and 22 June 1989) by which the Parties informed each other of the completion of the required constitutional procedures, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.

- (3) Traffic information and management;
- (4) Operation and safety of infrastructures, and traffic control.

The Commission shall consist of a Steering Committee, a Permanent Secretariat and sectoral working groups.

The Steering Committee shall consist of two delegations with a maximum of four members each, each delegation being appointed by its Government. Each delegation may call in outside experts.

The Steering Committees shall meet as a rule once a year, alternately in each State.

It may establish working groups.

It shall draw up its rules of procedure.

The Steering Committee shall propose to the respective Governments any measure which it deems beneficial to the development of Franco-Spanish cooperation in the field of road safety and road traffic. To that end, it shall approve the annual report submitted to it by the Permanent Secretariat.

The Permanent Secretariat shall consist of one representative of each country. It shall prepare decisions for the Steering Committee and make recommendations on the proposals submitted to the Steering Committee by the working groups.

I should be grateful if you would inform me whether the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Spanish Government.

In the event of an affirmative reply, the present letter and your letter in reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Kingdom of Spain on cooperation in the field of road safety and road traffic.

This agreement shall enter into force on the date on which there is an exchange of notes indicating that both Parties have satisfied the relevant constitutional requirements.

It may be denounced at any time by either of the Contracting Parties. Such denunciation shall take effect three months after notification thereof to the other Contracting Party.

Accept, Sir, etc.

[Signed]

PIERRE MÉHAIGNERIE

Mr. José Luis Martín Palacín
Under-Secretary of State to the Minister
of the Interior

II

UNDER-SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

Paris, 15 December 1987

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date, which reads as follows:

[*See letter I*]

In reply to your note, I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing provisions on institutional cooperation between Spain and France with respect to road safety and road traffic are acceptable to the Spanish Government.

Accept, Sir, etc.

[*Signed*]

JOSÉ LUIS MARTÍN PALACÍN

His Excellency Mr. Pierre Méhaignerie
Minister for Equipment, Housing, Regional Development
and Transport
Paris
