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European charter on Intelligent Speed Adaptation (ISA)

The price paid for mobility in Europe is too high. Every year road accidents kill over 40.000 people in the European Union and injure more than 1.7 million. Inappropriate and high speeds come into about a third of the amount of deadly and severe accidents and are a determinant factor for the seriousness of the accident. The new technologies in the field of information and communication (Intelligent Transport Systems), which vehicles can be equipped with, have a large potential in reducing the amount of traffic victims.

Intelligent Speed Adaptation is a technical tool in cars that influences the speed choice of the driver or the vehicle. An ISA system can influence the vehicle's speed in several ways: ISA simply informs the driver when speeding, ISA acts as a brake on the driver by providing a resistance on the accelerator when speeding and finally ISA can make speeding impossible.

Due to the increase in traffic volume, a better control of the vehicle's speed is of great importance for the traffic safety. The advantages of ISA are obvious. ISA has an impact on *road safety* (less mortal and injured victims in traffic, better circulation leading to less congestion), *environment* (decrease in harmful emissions, lower fuel consumption) and *driving behaviour* (increased awareness of presence of pedestrians and cyclists).

ISA is currently being tested, implemented or already evaluated in several European countries: Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, France, United Kingdom, Belgium ... More trials are following.

In the European Road Safety Action Programme 2003-2010, the Commission presents the ambitious objective to halve the number of people killed on the European roads by 2010. The European Commission recognises the contribution of new technologies to achieve this goal.

With this charter we emphasize that ISA contributes to a safer and environment-friendly traffic.

We demand the European Union, the member states and the industry to make an effort for the introduction of an integrated approach, which will lead to a great effectiveness of this safety technology.

We ask the European Commission to set up quality standards for ISA systems and to monitor the safety of Intelligent Transport Systems. A uniform legislative and administrative framework is needed across all member states.

We point out to the European Commission that databases with speed limit data should be developed and we ask to accelerate this action.

We believe that the fulfilment of these demands can lead to a wider use of ISA systems and to a better traffic safety.

I, the undersigned have authority, decision making, economic or social powers or a mandate to represent and I have a share of the responsibility for road safety in the European Union.

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