

## Recommendation 275 (1961)<sup>1</sup>

# European highway Code

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Assembly,
2. Recognising that European road traffic rules and regulations vary from one country to another and that, with the development of international tourism, road accidents caused by the lack of knowledge of the rules and regulations of other countries are increasing;
3. Recalling its previous Resolutions 138, 146, 166 and 174, in which it advocated, inter alia, the adoption of a European Highway Code by the member countries of the Council of Europe;
4. Reaffirming its belief that it is desirable, in order to increase road safety, to bring about a unification and standardisation of national road traffic rules and regulations by means of a European Highway Code;
5. Noting the work on the co-ordination of road traffic rules and regulations undertaken by eight European countries (Austria, Belgium, Federal Republic of Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Switzerland) in the framework of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT);
6. Convinced that this work should be pursued jointly by all member countries of the ECMT with a view to establishing a European Highway Code on the widest possible basis,
7. Recommends to the Committee of Ministers that it should, in accordance with Article 15 (b) of the Statute, recommend the member Governments :
  - a. to invite the European Conference of Ministers of Transport to secure the participation of all its member States in the work of the Group of Experts for the co-ordination of Road Traffic Rules with a view to establishing a European Highway Code as rapidly as possible;
  - b. to report to the Assembly before the end of its Thirteenth Session on action taken by member Governments to implement this Recommendation.

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1. Assembly debate, on 26th April 1961 (4th Sitting) (see [Doc. 1275](#), Report of the Economic Committee). Text adopted by the Assembly on 26th April 1961 (5th Sitting). [Doc. 1275](#)

