

**RESOLUTION No. 97/4 ON RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF PARKING BADGES FOR
PERSONS WITH MOBILITY HANDICAPS**

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Ministers of Transport of the ECMT, meeting in Berlin on 21-22 April 1997

CONSIDERING:

- That for many people with reduced mobility, use of a car is fundamental to a full and independent lifestyle.
- That provided there is no risk to road safety, people with reduced mobility should be enabled to park their cars as close as possible to their destinations.
- That to facilitate the free movement of people with reduced mobility between countries there should be mutual recognition of parking badges of all ECMT member and associate countries.

RECOMMEND MEMBER COUNTRIES:

- To enable people with reduced mobility who have difficulty in moving about to park their vehicles where parking is otherwise restricted.
- Where necessary to provide reserved parking spaces for people with reduced mobility by means of appropriate road signs. These spaces should be designed in accordance with recognised design criteria.
- To provide people with reduced mobility, eligible for these facilities, with a document to be displayed when the vehicle is parked showing as a minimum the international symbol for disabled people and the name of the holder of the document.
- To give the same parking facilities to holders of this document coming from another member or associated member country as they do to their own nationals.
- To take the necessary steps to ensure that this reciprocal treatment regarding parking facilities for people with reduced mobility remains applicable in those countries who are already participating in it and is introduced in all other countries by 1 January 1999.¹
- To take the necessary steps to ensure that police and other parking enforcement authorities are fully informed about the nature of this arrangement.

1. The Czech Republic has a reservation on the date on entry into force of this Resolution.

REQUEST:

- Associate Member Countries to subscribe to this Resolution and to give reciprocal treatment regarding parking facilities to ECMT Member Country nationals.
- The ECMT to work with the European Union to draw up guidance on the practical application of this measure.
- The Committee of Deputies to report back in due course on the implementation of this Resolution.