

**6 May 2004**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Parliamentary Meeting on the Highway and Road Safety**

**FIGHTING ROAD VIOLENCE**  
**The importance of infrastructures and their use under a new road safety policy**

**French National Assembly - Paris**

In France, 2003 marked a turning point in the fight against road violence. The sustained drop in road accidents throughout 2003 holds great hope, and warrants all possible measures to durably maintain the progress made. Therefore, it is of paramount importance that the definition and maintenance of roads and their facilities meets the needs of drivers, while helping promote new behaviour based on sharing and respecting the highway code. Likewise, analysing road infrastructures and taking the appropriate courses of action are essential for giving fresh impetus to the headstrong policy initiated by the French President and backed by all political representatives.

Since 1993, the Parliamentary meetings on the Highway and Road Safety have represented a conference keenly anticipated by public authorities, civil society and various professionals for their capacity to incite wide-reaching debate on the way forward in road safety. The 11th edition, held in the French National Assembly in Paris, focussed on: “Fighting Road Violence: The importance of infrastructures and their use under a new road safety policy”.

The conference was organised and chaired by Hervé MARITON, Member of the French National Assembly for Drôme, Special rapporteur on the Facilities and Ground Transport budget, under the patronage and in the presence of Jean-Louis DEBRE, President of the French National Assembly, and Gilles de ROBIEN, French Minister for Equipment, Transport, Housing, Tourism and Sea.

**WELCOMING ADDRESS AND OPENING STATEMENT**

Hervé MARITON

*Member of the French National Assembly for Drôme*

*Special rapporteur on the Facilities and Ground Transport budget*

Jean-Louis DEBRE

*President of the French National Assembly*

**INTRODUCTORY REPORT:**

**Road Safety: What are the European Dynamics?**

Dominique RISTORI

*Director, “Affaires générales et ressources”, European Commission*

## **ROUND TABLE 1 BUILDING AND MAINTAINING THE HIGHWAY**

Chaired by Lucien LANIER

*Member of the French National Assembly for Val-de-Marne*

### **INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Audit of infrastructures: Goals and Perspectives of the European Road Assessment Programme**

John DAWSON

*Chairman, EuroRAP*

#### **Building and maintaining the highway: What are users' expectations?**

Régis RIOUFOL

*Deputy manager, Exploitation and Safety of the road, Ministry for Equipment, Transport, Housing, Tourism and Sea*

#### **How to implement a policy for road facilities maintenance**

Alain FIGULS

*Vice President, Syndicat des équipements de la route (SER)*

#### **What legal and technical adaptations are needed to obtain respectable signs and signals?**

Marie-José RAMBEAU

*Director for Businesses réglementaires, Department "signalisation du trafic", 3M France*

#### **What policy for infrastructure maintenance and development on the existing network?**

Patrice PARISÉ

*Director of the Road, Ministry for Equipment, Transport, Housing, Tourism and Sea*

### **REACTIONS TO THE LEADING PARTICIPANTS**

Geneviève JURGENSEN

*Initiator and Spokeswoman, Ligue contre la violence routière*

Jean-Marc BLOSSEVILLE

*Director, Laboratoire interaction véhicules-infrastructure-conducteurs (INRETS-LIVIC)*

Jean-Pierre DOOR

*Member of the French National Assembly for Loiret*

## **DEBATE**

### **CLOSING OF THE MORNING**

Robert NAMAIS

*Chairman, Conseil national de la sécurité routière*

### **OPENING SPEECH**

Jean PANHALEUX

*Deputy Manager, Direction de la sécurité et de la circulation routières  
(DSCR)*

## **ROUND TABLE 2**

### **LIVING, SHARING AND POLICING THE HIGHWAY**

Chaired by Richard DELL'AGNOLA

*French Deputy for the Val-de-Marne region*

*President of the National Assembly Highway and Road Safety task force*

## **INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATIONS**

**The national training plan. How can learning how to drive be made more effective? How can driver behaviour be adapted to infrastructures? What is the States role?**

Bernard DARNICHE

*Former racing driver*

**The insurers viewpoint on infrastructures and their development**

Gérard BONNET

*Director, Indemnisation et responsable de la Coordination des actions de prévention routière, AGF*

**Evolution of the vehicles, evolution of the infrastructures**

Jean-Noël THÉNAULT

*Chairman, Volvo Trucks France*

**How can road safety take account of the infrastructure factor? What are the future hurdles in terms of training and education?**

Jean FLORY

*Chairman, Prévention routière*

**How can road user's education and training take account of infrastructures?**

Gérard ACOURT

*Chairman, Ecole de conduite française*

**The automated road check sanction: Implementation and results. What is the assessment for other measures taken?**

Michel TERNIER

*Former Chairman, Instance d'évaluation de la politique de sécurité routière, Commissariat général au plan*

**REACTIONS TO THE LEADING PARTICIPANTS**

Raphaël BARTOLT

*Director of the automated road check sanction interdepartmental project*

Yvonne DAURELLE

*Chairwoman, Tribunal de police de Marseille*

General Daniel LE MERCIER

*Deputy Manager, Sécurité publique et sécurité routière, Direction générale de la gendarmerie nationale*

**DEBATE**

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