

Motor Insurance: civil liability, fourth directive (amend. direct. 73/239/EEC, 88/357/EEC, 92/49/EEC)

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Commissioner Monti congratulated the Parliament on the initiative it has taken to call on the Executive to develop a proposal in question in a sensitive sector for the European citizen, in virtue of Article 138 b of the Treaty (in fact, it is the first time that one has exercised these powers). Furthermore, he indicated that the Commission may accept wholly or partially the following amendments : 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 33 (however, concerning Article 15a, Mr. Monti rejected the extension of the guarantee concerning accidents which take place in a third country, because this falls within the scope of international agreements). As for amendments 5, 10, 13, 26 and 27, the Commissioner said that, in principle, he agreed with their spirit, but that he could only accept them unless certain changes were made. Lastly, he stated that he was against other amendments : 4, 8, 11, 22, 24, 35, 36 and 37, because, instead of improving the initial proposal, they risk making it less clear (concerning amendment 37 on the use of multilingual application forms in the case of an accident, he remarked that one might achieve this in another context, by means of an agreement between the insurance companies); for other reasons (incoherence with the 3 directives already in force in the field in question), he did not accept amendments 14, 23 and 34.