Enlargement, transport and tourism policies

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The European Parliament, bearing in mind the contributions from the Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism, calls on the candidate countries to create as soon as possible an effective administrative structure to permit the actual application of the acquis communautaire (technical, fiscal, social and environmental and safety provisions), which will be fully transposed by the date of accession, and monitoring of its accession. Transitional periods, if required at all, should be short and clearly defined. The trans-European network should be completed and extended, which should help the candidate countries to equip themselves with a modern transport infrastructure. The Parliament proposes that the TINA report should be used as a basis for this. In relation to road transport, the Commission is called upon to ensure that in the road haulage sector new Member States actually apply the Community's employment, social and fiscal legislation and also to submit proposals to the European Parliament and the Council on how to prevent disruption of the market in the European Union and in the candidate countries owing differences in wage costs and non-wage labour costs that are likely to exist. With regard to rail transport, measures should be taken to ensure that the rail infrastructure that still exists in the candidate countries can be properly used and developed and to ensure that the railways can survive in the new larger European internal market. Furthermore, the Commission should pay greater attention to intermodal transport and should promote inland water way transport. Measures should also be taken to promote sea transport and air transport. The Parliament calls on the Member States to participate forthwith in the work of the European Aviation Safety Authority which is currently being set up.