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CONCLUSIONS OF THE REPORTS OF THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION ON PREVIOUS INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCES

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Paradigms as Conclusions:

- Human errors will always occur in road environment;
- Minimize its effects through legislation and monitoring, improve the systems of active and passive protection in case of collision, reduce accidents by improving infrastructures, prevent drivers from carrying out other actions while driving, support studies which promote changes in behaviour so that it becomes more peaceful;
- Give all the roads a risk rating, by maintaining it updated and dynamic;
- Extend and support partnerships of knowledge and research;
- Design a new generation of security systems;
- Carry out preventive and prospective planning in what concerns the evolution of the expected traffic;
- Promote independent audits for roads, during the different stages of conception, construction and maintenance:
- Support the conception and research (investigation) in structures that are independent from the actors.



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Conclusion:

- The participation in these seminars was of greatest interest for the Portuguese
 Delegation, since it was possible to update information and knowledge about
 the reality of the policies and strategies of different European countries on
 several aspects related to the theme of the Conference. New technologies for
 the road safety control.
 - Participation of private associations in the fight against road accidents.
 - Radar speed control systems.
 - Security technologies in car construction.
 - Sanctions system.
 - Driving license penalty points system.
- Among others, Members of Parliament Jorge Fão and Fernando Santos Pereira focused special attention on these themes, with great emphasis on the driving license penalty points system, which is already in force in most of the European countries. As regards this issue, both Members propose a political debate for the future adoption of this system in Portugal.