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INTRODUCTION,

The report contains information on the progress achieved in Poland with regard to selected aspects of road traffic safety since the time of 19th ESV Conference (Washington, 2005). This period is generally characterised as the intentional effort towards the presence of Poland in preparation of base data for EU legal instruments in all aspects of our life including widening of co-operation in development of European legal instruments. Traffic safety items are also involved in that effort within all its main system fields taking into account priorities drawn from analysis of domestic and international accident statistics.

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THE PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF VECHICLE RELATED FACTOR,

- TA System unified with three main framework EU Directives (70/156, 74/151 and 92/61)
- Membership in EEVC - joining three Working Groups: WG 19: Active-Passive Safety Interaction, WG 21: Accident Statistics and WG 22: Virtual Safety
- Permanent improvements for periodic technical inspection of in-use vehicles to its quality and objectivity lead to further lowering of accident related to bad technical condition of vehicle;
- Active cooperation of Poland to the CITA and UN ECE 1997 Agreement on the international PTI had been taken

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THE PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RELATED FACTOR

- Human behaviour is the reason of road accident in the majority of cases
- Most important result was achieved in reducing the rate of accidents caused by drunk road users of around 10% during last 2 years
- Co-operation in new DRUID European research programme



THE PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF ROAD RELATED FACTOR

- 620 km of classified motorways only
- Improvement of some 25% of Polish existing road network
- Strongly related to private investors and local authorities



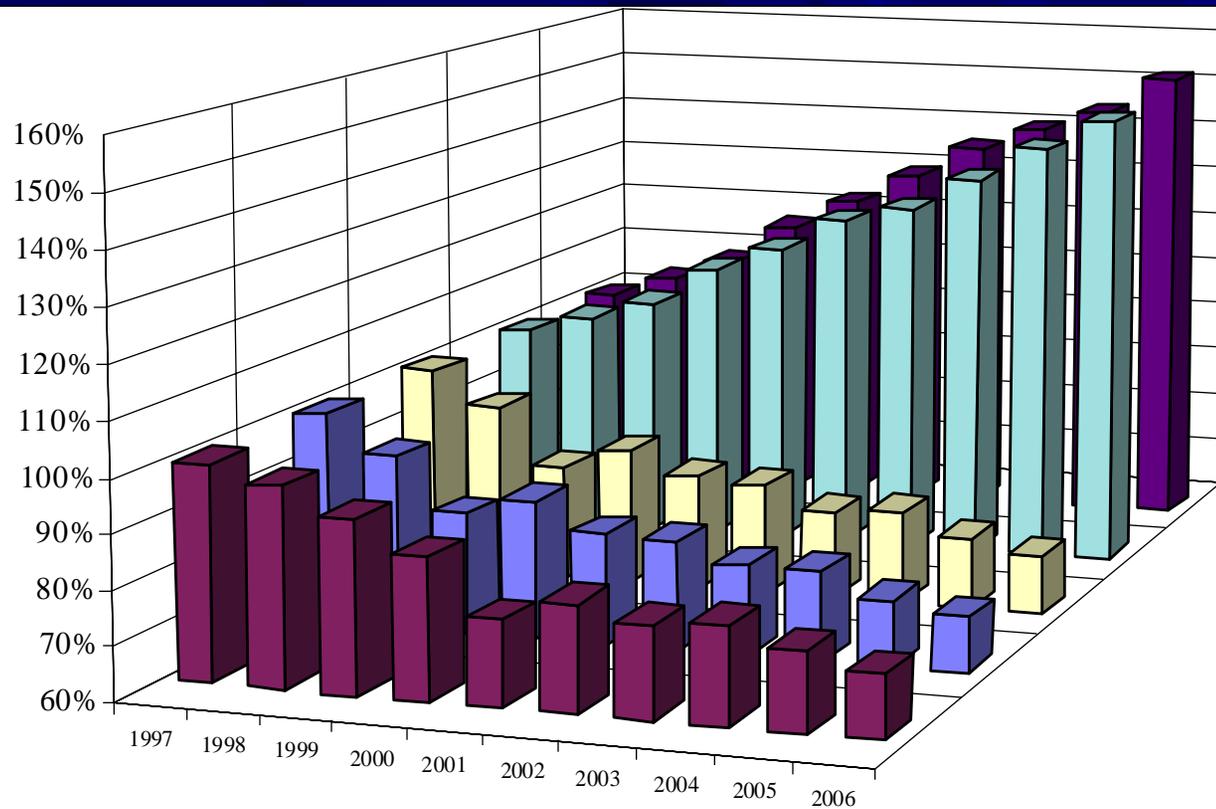
Table 1. Accident Data in Comparison with the Vehicle Stock and Population in Poland in the Period of 1997-2006

Year	No. of accidents	No. of fatalities	No. of injured	No. of vehicles (thousands)	No. of passenger cars (thousands)	Population (thousands)	Fatality factor (No. of fatalities/100 thousands of inhabitants)	Accident severity factor (No. of fatalities/100 of accidents)	No. Of passenger cars/1000 inhabitants
1997	66 586	7 310	83 169	12 284	8 533	38 650	19	11	221
1998	61 855	7 080	77 560	12 709	8 891	38 661	18	11	230
1999	55 106	6 730	68 449	13 169	9 283	38 654	17	12	240
2000	57 331	6 294	71 638	14 106	9 991	38 644	16	11	259
2001	53 799	5 534	68 194	14 724	10 503	38 632	14	10	272
2002	53 559	5 827	67 498	15 525	11 029	38 219	15	11	289
2003	51 078	5 640	63 900	15 890	11 580	38 195	15	11	303
2004	51 069	5 712	64 661	16 701	11 975	38 174	15	11	314
2005	48 100	5 444	61 191	17 536	12 339	38 157	14	11	323
2006	46 876	5 243	59 123	18277*	12959*	38 170*	13,7*	11	339*

*Estimated

[1] Source: Accident Records filled by the Traffic Police

[2] Prepared by Road Traffic Safety Centre in Motor Transport Institute



■ Fatalities ■ Accidents ■ Injured ■ Vehicles ■ Passenger Cars

Figure 1. Road Accidents and Vehicle Stock Percentage in Poland in the period of 1993-2004 (1993=100%)



CONCLUSION AND FUTURE AIM

National road safety programme called GAMBIT which is aimed at:

- vulnerable road users (pedestrians, bicyclists),
- people commonly ignoring traffic regulations, such as speed limits, drink-driving or not using restraint systems,
- traffic risk on major roads outside built-up areas (on the 6 % of the length of the road network, 25 % of all accidents, 40 % of all killed, 27 % of all injured, severity of accidents: 18 fatalities / 100 accidents),
- young drivers aged 18 – 24 (20 % of all involved in road accidents),
- fight against intoxication of drivers and pedestrians,
- quicker exchange of the oldest part of vehicle stock



CONCLUSION AND FUTURE AIM continued.

- We hope that Polish participation in working groups of EEVC, UN ECE, ESV, IHRA, and EU Commission and Council together with ETSC will benefit in optimal use of our limited resources
- We wish all of you a good co-operation and fruitful exchange of knowledge during this very important scientific International ESV conference forming the grounds for improvement of everyday life road safety

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION**

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