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STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WORLD TOURING
AND AUTOMOBILE ORGANIZATION (OTA)

This Organization considers that the introduction of an international third party motor insurance card would be in the interests of motorists visiting foreign countries who may be victims of road accidents occurring abroad. It has always maintained that the method adopted for issuing and recognizing the insurance card in question should be as flexible as possible, and that therefore any agreement between the insurance company issuing the card and the company or companies guaranteeing payment of compensation to victims in the foreign country where the accident takes place, should be recognized provided the rights of victims are adequately safeguarded. Action by national insurance Bureaux would undoubtedly be very helpful, though it would not be essential in every instance. The World Touring and Automobile Organization trusts that States requiring motorists to produce an insurance card will recognise not only cards issued through a Bureau, but those issued by a foreign company properly vouched for by a national company. The Organization assumes moreover that agreements between Bureaux will provide for the issue of international insurance certificates either free of charge or at a nominal fee without any increase in the insurance premiums.

The Organization hopes that the method of applying the system recommended by the Working Party will not give rise to any justifiable criticism on the part of insured persons.
