



**Economic and Social
Council**

Distr.
GENERAL

TRANS/SC.2/2000/14
26 July 2000

ENGLISH
Original: FRENCH

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Working Party on Rail Transport
(Fifty-fourth session, 3-5 October 2000,
agenda item 12)

APPLICATION OF SUMMER TIME

Transmitted by the European Commission

The Eighth Directive 97/44/EC of 22 July 1997 (OJEC L 206/62 of 1 August 1997) establishes the dates and times of the beginning and end of summer time as the last Sunday in March and the last Sunday in October at 1 a.m. universal time for the years 1998 to 2001 inclusive.

For the years following 2001, on 20 June 2000 the Commission adopted a proposal for a Ninth Directive ((COM) 2000 302 final) extending the provisions currently in force for an indeterminate period as from 2002. As a precaution, however, provision has been made for the Commission to report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of these new provisions five years after their entry into force, i.e. in 2007. This report will be prepared on the basis of data transmitted by the member States. The Commission will make public the calendar of the dates of time changes for the years 2002 to 2006 inclusive once the Directive is published following its adoption by the European Parliament and the Council.
