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## Virtual Meeting of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration

3 December 2020

(2 hours)

### PROVISIONAL REPORT

On 3 December 2020, over 80 members of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC) convened virtually to discuss the implementation of the latest UN General Assembly *Resolution Improving Global Road Safety* ([A/RES/74/299](#)).

This was the 6<sup>th</sup> UNRSC virtual plenary event for the year 2020 in the context of the COVID 19 situation preventing the tenure of in-persons meeting.

The proposed focus for the discussion was the outline for the Global Plan of Action of the Second Decade of Action on Road Safety as developed by the WHO-RCs taskforce pursuant OP 4 of A/RES/74/299. Members were also debriefed on progress made in planning the 2021 global road safety week and the discussions of the project group on monitoring.

#### Welcome and introduction

In his opening remarks, Dr Etienne Krug briefly presented the provisional agenda items and commended UNRSC members for two activities successfully held as UNRSC collaborative initiatives since the last UNRSC meeting, namely:

- The global commemoration for the World Day of Remembrance for road traffic victims which took place on 13 November<sup>1</sup>;
- The UNRSC webinar on the role of lending institutions in improving road safety including the launch of the joint multilateral development banks statement<sup>2</sup>.

#### Outline of the Plan of Action of the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety

Ahead of the UNRSC meeting, the WHO-RC taskforce shared a draft outline of the Plan of Action of the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety with UNRSC members. This outline was presented by Dr Nhan Tran on behalf of the taskforce (cf. Appendix 1).

After the presentation, a discussion took place during which members provided inputs on the draft outline to the taskforce. Members generally welcomed the work conducted by the taskforce and provided

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=817817138784860&ref=watch\\_permalink](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=817817138784860&ref=watch_permalink)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.eib.org/attachments/press/mdb-high-level-joint-statement-on-road-safety-en.pdf>

comments re the proposed focus areas, the tone and style of the document as well as possible areas of contribution by UNRSC members.

In this regard, the chair of Project group on pillar 2 (on safer roads) suggested for the UNRSC to support the development of practical examples and “boxes” in a separate document and possibly consider using an online repository of case studies and examples that could be updated during the whole decade.

Members also enquired about next steps. Recalling the timeline discussed in previous UNRSC meetings, the taskforce indicated that the next steps will be as follows:

- UNRSC members were invited to submit, as appropriate, written comments to the taskforce (via Nhan Tran [trann@who.int](mailto:trann@who.int) and/or Joëlle Auert [auertjo@who.int](mailto:auertjo@who.int));
- The taskforce will consolidate and present a summary of the feedback received as well as plan for the writing of the plan to the leadership of WHO and Regional Commission in the next two weeks;
- The taskforce will solicit as needed UNRSC members to support the development of select parts of the document;
- For the next UNRSC meeting end of January a full version of the plan will be discussed.

The chairs of the working groups were invited to mobilize their group to suggest activities that should be included for each of the pillars, based on the previous plan, the Save Lives package and other relevant documents.

### **Progress made in planning the 2021 global road safety week**

The update on progress made in planning the 2021 global road safety week was jointly provided by Floor Lieshout from YOURS and Avi Silverman from the FIA Foundation. They first informed members of a proposed change in the strategy for the road safety week with roundtables sessions around the plan of action being replaced with a campaign on speed. They then invited members to reflect on what would constitute success for the week and whether activities should extend beyond the week (cf. Appendix 2).

A discussion followed on the relevance of a campaign on speed and its appropriate messaging, activities. Members generally expressed their support for this revised theme. A number of partners have indicated an interest in launching a campaign on speed early in 2021 to mark the anniversary of the Stockholm conference, however the campaign of the UN road safety week would formally commence only in May. As always, governments and partners will define the timing and specific focus based on their priorities and needs.

Next steps discussed included:

- A smaller group within the advocacy group to advance the planning of a campaign on speed;
- Development of relevant materials for the speed campaign in February 2021 (anniversary date of the Stockholm Conference);
- Members were generally invited to provide any comment on the planning of this event to the advocacy group (via Laura Sminkey [sminkeyl@who.int](mailto:sminkeyl@who.int)).

### **Update by the Monitoring and Evaluation project group**

Prof. Adnan Hyder, as chair of the project group on monitoring and evaluation, briefly informed members that discussions have been initiated within this project group to guide the reflection around the evaluation of the 50% reduction target in fatalities and injuries for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Decade (cf. A/Res/74/299). He invited interested members to contact him to be associated in these discussions ( [hydera1@email.gwu.edu](mailto:hydera1@email.gwu.edu) ).

### **Next meeting**

The next UNRSC meeting will take place late January and will be followed in February by a UNRSC facilitated webinar led by the project group on pillar 1 (road safety management).