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27th Meeting of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration

10-11 April 2019

Avra Imperial Hotel, Chania, Crete, Greece

PROVISIONAL REPORT

The 27th Meeting of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC) was convened at the Avra Imperial Hotel in Chania, Crete, Greece on 10-11 April 2019.

The objectives of the meeting, as provided in the agenda (see Appendix 1), were to:

1. Discuss implementation of the UNGA resolution, in particular the 3rd Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety in Sweden in 2020 and the 5th UN Global Road Safety Week;
2. Discuss current and future activities of the UNRSC project groups;
3. Review membership request and provide updates on UNRSC partner activities.

The meeting convened over 90 people, representing international organizations, governments, NGOs, academia, foundations and private companies.

The meeting was chaired by Dr E. Krug from WHO. Mr J. Todt, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Road Safety provided opening remarks.

To accommodate the availability of keynote speakers, the regular order of sessions was modified: project groups met on the first half day and the plenary session was held on the second day.

Day 1: 10 April 2019

Project groups meetings convened on the afternoon of 10 April 2019. These included the following project groups: road safety management, safer roads and infrastructure, safer vehicles, safer road users, post-crash response, monitoring and evaluation and work-related road safety. Discussions addressed progress and activities to implement the respective work plans of the project groups.

Day 2: 11 April 2019

Welcome and opening

The meeting was opened by Dr E. Krug who welcomed all the participants. He recalled the progress made since the last meeting of the Collaboration in October 2018 including the commemoration of the World Day of Remembrance (theme “roads have stories), the launch of the Global Status Report on Road Safety (including its app), and the launch of the campaign for the 5th UN Global Road Safety. He also welcomed progress made on planning the 3rd Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety and on developing guidance for the implementation of the twelve-global road safety performance

targets and related indicators. Finally, Dr Krug commented efforts made to strengthen regional collaboration including through the Africa-Europe Alliance supported by the European Commission and the regional networks for road safety legislators supported by WHO. He stressed that despite progress made, SDG target 3.6 will not be met and referred to the need to look both backward and forward, reflecting on the lessons of the past ten years, and determining how we might do things differently and better.

Mr. Todt then provided opening remarks stressing the need for a combined and organized effort to ensure concrete commitments at government levels. He commended progress made in recent years including the inclusion of road safety in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda, the support provided to countries most impacted by the road traffic injuries burden as well as the increase in the number of countries acceding to the core UN Road Safety Conventions. The Special Envoy then referred to the funding needs and how these are addressed through the establishment of the UN Road Safety Trust Fund that will start funding pilot projects in 2019. He closed his remarks by highlighting the diplomatic channels, including through the group of Friends for Road Safety led by the European Union, to take the road safety issue to the highest level of governments.

Dr Krug then presented the agenda (cf. Appendix 1) which was adopted by participants. Participants also approved the minutes of the 26th UNRSC meeting.

Discuss implementation of the UNGA resolution

Third Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety, 2020

Ms Lena Kling and Mr Anders Lie, from the government of Sweden, updated participants on the 3rd Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety (hereinafter the Conference). They first explained the rationale for organizing the Conference in Sweden and emphasized the importance to integrate road safety more clearly into the broader development agenda, stressing for example the links between road safety, public transport (SDG target 11.2) and gender equity. They also mentioned the innovative approach pursued in planning for the conference referring to the broad scope of actors targeted (from environment, health, urban planning, industry) and the increased involvement of private sectors players. Then they updated participants on progress made regarding the invitation process, the programme development, the drafting of a declaration to be proposed for adoption at the Conference (Appendix 2). Participants were then invited to provide feedback on the items presented. Discussions touched on the appropriate focus of the Conference and several areas were referred to including speed management, active mobility (walking and cycling), and infrastructure. The contents of the declaration were also discussed, and participants generally agreed on the need to have a clear set of recommendations/action points coming out of the declaration. Interested participants were invited to provide in writing, to Sweden, contents to consider for inclusion in the declaration.

Evaluation of the Decade of Action for Road Safety

Dr M. Peden, from the George Institute, provided a short overview of the history behind the Decade of Action and the objectives agreed to in the global Plan for the Decade (cf. Appendix 3). She proposed ways in which the Decade of Action could be evaluated using a basic logic model involving both

quantitative and qualitative methods. This option would evaluate the Decade of Action's objectives and activities using data from the Status reports as the outcome measures complemented with key informant interviews and the analysis of the biennial Secretary General's report to the United Nations to understand inputs and outputs. She appealed to donors in the room to contact her if they could fund this evaluation. A discussion followed where participants agreed on the need to evaluate the Decade. There was consensus on the fact that the evaluation should be used to refine appropriate strategies for the period post 2020 as proposed at the 3rd global ministerial conference. Other points of discussion touched on the appropriate organization to conduct such evaluation (external vs a road safety organization) and on the need to capture broadly the benefits of the Decade (i.e. by not only assessing it against its objectives but also identifying other benefits such as the growing role of NGOs as key players).

It was finally proposed that the Monitoring and Evaluation project group would coordinate the evaluation with Dr Peden and that a small group of UNRSC volunteers and the chairs of each of the project groups constitute the core evaluation team. Some type of external review will also be conducted and a "communications type" report will be made available in time for the ministerial meeting. An update on progress will be given at the 28th meeting of the UNRSC.

Fifth UN Global Road Safety Week

Mr F. Lieshout updated participants on progress made in planning for the fifth UN Global road safety week whose theme is "Leadership for road safety" and whose hashtag is #SpeakUp. He highlighted that road safety leaders can emerge from different sectors and bodies: among policy makers but also among head masters, teachers, police, non-governmental organizations etc.

He reminded participants that a toolkit on how to get involved was available on the website of the Week (<https://www.unroadsafetyweek.org/en/news/news-item/t/download-the-get-involved-toolkit>). He walked participants through the Week's website and specifically the three steps journey¹ people were invited to undertake at the occasion of the Week. Participants were then asked to share their planned activities for the 5th UN Global Road Safety Week.

Voluntary Global Performance Targets for Road Safety Risk Factors and Service Delivery Mechanisms

Dr J. Fleiter presented progress made in developing a guide to support the implementation of the 12 voluntary road safety targets agreed by Member States in November 2017 and their corresponding indicators. A small working group consisting of GRSP and VIAS, together with input from WHO, has been progressing the drafting of a guidance document. She recalled the process leading to the development of the document and called upon interested participants to support the process (Appendix 4). The current draft will be shared with all project groups' (PG) Chairs for them to seek input from PG members in the next month. The drafting process will continue with this feedback, and a revised version will be presented at the next UNRSC, with the process aiming to be finalized and presented at the Ministerial Conference in Sweden in February 2020.

¹ 1. Assess their journey 2. Record their demands and 3. Urge decision makers to make a pledge.

UN Secretary General's Report on progress made in improving global road safety globally

Dr N. Tran provided a brief update on the upcoming UN Secretary General's Report on progress made in improving global road safety globally. He mentioned that the report is due late July 2019 and that an outline will be circulated early May serving as a basis for UNRSC members to provide their inputs. A brief discussion followed stressing the need to report only on key activities to avoid dilution of key achievements. The chair also stressed the need to reflect carefully on proposed recommendations which serve as a basis to develop the subsequent UN GA resolution.

Discuss current and future activities of the UNRSC project groups

The various project groups reported back in plenary on discussions undertaken the day before (see Appendices 5 to 11 for the minutes and presentations of all project groups).

Review membership requests and provide updates on UNRSC partner activities

New members

Highways England, Abertis Foundation, the International Road Victims' Partnership (IRVP) and the Milken Institute School of Public Health (GWSPH) were welcomed as new members into the UNRSC (see Appendices 12 to 15 for their respective membership presentations)

Update on member activities

The following members' update were provided:

- Road safety in France by Mr J. Valmain, Ministry of Interior (Appendix 16)
- Road freight transport safety (recommendations) by Ms A. Cruz, ILO (Appendix 17)
- Road safety observatories in Africa and Asia by Ms V. Feypell, ITF / RPA (Appendix 18)
- ISO standards on road traffic safety management systems by Mr P. Hartzell, ISO (Appendix 19)
- EC support to road safety improvements in Africa and South East Asia by Mr M. Baldwin, European Commission. On the Africa-Europe Alliance references were made to: data improvements supported through the African Road safety observatory initiative <http://www.africanroadsafetyobservatory.org/>; https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/news-and-events/africa-europe-alliance-commission-shares-knowledge-and-good-practices-road-safety_en; vehicle safety improvements supported through the "switch to green" initiative in collaboration with UNEP <https://www.switchafricagreen.org/index.php?lang=en>; infrastructure improvements supported through partnership with the World Bank and the African Development Bank, road users safety through work on signs and symbols and police network). On the EU-ASEAN road safety initiative see https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/philippines/57496/eu-and-asean-discuss-road-transport-and-safety-policies_en
- Safety of pedestrians, cyclists and new personal mobility systems (electric scooters) by Mr J. Monclus, MAPFRE Foundation (Appendix 20)
- Francophone Alliance on Road Safety by Ms A. Ndèye Sarr, Laser Int. (Appendix 21)
- UPS Foundation activities to support road safety by Ms P. Spangler, UPS Foundation. Activities include training programme for over 58 000 young and novice drivers in Canada, China, Germany, Mexico, the United Kingdom, the United States, and in the United Arab Emirates

(UPS road Code Programme). UPS foundation supported the Asia Injury Prevention Foundation to procure 52 000 helmets for children in Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar and Viet Nam.

- A private sector road safety coalition for Tanzania by Ms S. Zammataro, IRF (Appendix 22)
- Training, infrastructure and capacity building by Mr S. O'Connor, FedEx Global Citizenship (Appendix 23)

Upcoming projects/events in 2019

- 6-12 May: Global: 5th UN Global Road Safety Week with the theme "Leadership for Road Safety". More information: <https://www.unroadsafetyweek.org/en/home>
- 6-12 May: General Assembly of the Ibero-American Road Safety Observatory (OISEVI), Madrid, Spain
- 13 May: ASIRT Road Safety Travel and Tourism Summit.
More information: https://www.asirt.org/summit/?mc_cid=0fd920fe63&mc_eid=b1dd7916d1
- 17 May: 2nd meeting of the road safety Cluster under the Africa - EU taskforce
- 23 May: Sustainable Mobility for All (SuM4All) consortium meeting Leipzig, Germany.
More information: <http://sum4all.org/events/7th-sum4all-consortium-meeting>
- 12 June: GRSP 20th Anniversary, Geneva, Switzerland.
More information: <https://www.grsproadsafety.org/events/grsp-20th-anniversary-event/>
- 17-20 July: Childhood Injury Prevention Convention, Washington DC, USA.
More information: <https://www.prevcon.org/>
- 8-20 September: 4th Global Road Safety Leadership Course (GRSLC), Baltimore, USA.
More information: <https://www.grsproadsafety.org/programmes/global-road-safety-leadership-course/>
- 25-27 September: Australasian Road Safety Conference, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
More information: <https://australasianroadsafetyconference.com.au/>
- 3-4 October: EU-Safety 2019, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg.
More information: <https://eu-safety2019.lih.lu/eu-safety-2019/>
- 6-10 October: 26th World Road Congress, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
More information: <http://www.aipcrabudhabi2019.org/events/abu-dhabi-world-road-congress-2019/event-summary-9cdd9b3dccc450991da91decda350b4.aspx?lang=en>

Visit [UNRSC partner websites](#) for additional information about upcoming events.

Closing and next meeting

Dr Krug then thanked participants and stressed the need to further support active forms of mobility, including walking, stressing the benefits on environment, physical and mental health. In this regard, he thanked the representative of the International Federation of Pedestrians (IFP) for the work conducted over the years and called upon UNRSC members to provide support (including funding) to the IFP. He also thanked the representative of Handicap International (HI), Mr E. Remacle, who is moving to a new organization, for the work he has done in promoting road safety within his organization.

The next UNRSC meeting will take place **29 – 30 October 2019, in WHO Headquarters in Geneva.**