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Improving global road safety

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Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on improving global road safety

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that, through the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development¹ and its Sustainable Development Goals in September 2015, Heads of State and Government made a bold commitment to halve the number of global deaths and injuries from road traffic crashes and to provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety,

Recalling its resolution [76/294](#) of 30 June 2022, entitled “Political declaration of the high-level meeting on improving global road safety”, in which it decided to convene a high-level meeting in 2026 on a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in improving global road safety,

Expressing deep concern that the number of road traffic crashes remains unacceptably high, particularly in developing countries, and that crashes represent a leading cause of death and injury around the world, killing more than 1.19 million people and injuring as many as 50 million people a year, with 92 per cent of those casualties occurring in low- and middle-income countries, and in this regard reaffirming the continued urgency of addressing road traffic deaths and injuries as a major public health and development challenge,

Recognizing that road safety contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, including target 3.6 to halve the number of global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents,

Taking note of the findings of the *Global Status Report on Road Safety 2023*, which demonstrate both progress and persistent gaps in achieving reductions in road traffic fatalities, including that a number of countries have already achieved significant declines, showing that ambitious targets are attainable,

Taking note also of the Fourth Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety, held in Marrakech, Morocco, from 18 to 20 February 2025, and its outcomes,

¹ Resolution [70/1](#).



including the endorsement of the Marrakech Declaration and renewed national commitments to accelerate action towards achieving the goal of halving global road deaths and injuries by 2030, and acknowledging the importance of the Moscow Declaration adopted at the first Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety in 2009,² the Brasilia Declaration adopted at the second Global High-level Conference on Road Safety in 2015 and the Stockholm Declaration adopted at the third Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety in 2020,

Expressing concern that road safety remains severely underfunded through both public and private financing, and that, despite the existence of a national strategy for road safety in a majority of Member States, most of these are unfunded and are not implemented,

1. *Decides* that the one-and-a-half-day high-level meeting on improving global road safety to be convened by the President of the General Assembly in collaboration with the World Health Organization shall be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York, on 20 and 21 July 2026 during the eightieth session of the Assembly, from 3 to 6 p.m. on the first day and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the second day, and shall consist of an opening segment, a plenary segment for general discussion, two multi-stakeholder panels and a brief closing segment;

2. *Also decides* that the overall theme of the high-level meeting will be “Scaling up and accelerating implementation of commitments to halving road traffic deaths and injuries by 2030”;

3. *Further decides* that:

(a) The opening segment, to be held from 3 to 3:30 p.m., will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Director General of the World Health Organization and the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Road Safety;

(b) The plenary segment, to be held from 3.30 to 6 p.m. on the first day and from 3 to 5:30 p.m. on the second day, will comprise statements by Member States and observers of the General Assembly, and members of United Nations specialized agencies; a list of speakers will be established in accordance with established practices of the Assembly and the time limits for these statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States;

(c) The closing segment, to be held from 5:30 to 6 p.m. on the second day, will comprise summaries of the multi-stakeholder panels and concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly, as well as an eminent high-level champion of road safety, selected, in consultation with Member States, by the President of the General Assembly and giving due consideration to gender balance and geographical representation;

4. *Decides* that the organizational arrangements for the two multi-stakeholder panels will be as follows:

(a) Two consecutive multi-stakeholder panels will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second day;

² A/64/540, annex.

(b) The multi-stakeholder panels will address the following themes:

Panel 1: Strengthening multisectoral coordination for road safety, drawing on best practices and lessons from countries successfully reducing road traffic deaths and injuries;

Panel 2: Whole-of-government and whole-of-society action for sustainable financing and enhanced capacity for implementing evidence-based road safety interventions;

(c) Each of the two multi-stakeholder panels will be co-chaired by two representatives, one from a developed country and one from a developing country, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly from among the Heads of State or Government attending the high-level meeting, in consultation with Member States, taking into account gender balance, level of development and geographical representation;

(d) The President of the General Assembly may invite parliamentarians, local governments, the heads or senior representatives of relevant United Nations entities, including the World Health Organization, United Nations regional commissions, intergovernmental regional organizations, international financial institutions, development partners, civil society, the private sector, academia, medical, health and scientific associations, Indigenous Peoples, representative organizations of persons with disabilities and community organizations to serve as speakers on the panels, taking into account gender balance, level of development, geographical representation and the representation of youth and older persons;

5. *Also decides* that the high-level meeting shall adopt a concise and action-oriented progress declaration, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations, to be submitted by the President of the General Assembly for adoption by the Assembly;

6. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, with the support of the World Health Organization, the United Nations regional commissions, the Special Envoy of the Secretary General for Road Safety and other relevant partners, to organize and preside over an interactive multi-stakeholder hearing, no later than May 2026, with the active participation of appropriate senior-level representatives of Member States and members of the United Nations specialized agencies, observers of the General Assembly, parliamentarians, representatives of local governments, relevant United Nations entities, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, invited civil society organizations, philanthropic foundations, academia, medical associations, the private sector and broader communities, ensuring the participation and voices of women, children, youth, Indigenous Peoples, people of African descent and persons with disabilities, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, and also requests the President to prepare a summary of the hearing prior to the high-level meeting;

7. *Encourages* all Member States and members of the United Nations specialized agencies to participate in the high-level meeting, including the multi-stakeholder panels, at the highest possible level, preferably at the level of Heads of State and Government, and invites all observers of the General Assembly to be represented at the highest possible level;

8. *Invites* the United Nations system, including funds, programmes and specialized agencies, including the World Health Organization, United Nations regional commissions and relevant envoys of the Secretary-General, to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate, and urges them to consider initiatives in

support of the preparatory process and the high-level meeting, particularly with regard to sharing evidence and good practices, challenges and lessons learned;

9. *Invites* non-governmental organizations with relevant expertise that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to register with the Secretariat to attend the high-level meeting and participate in the multi-stakeholder panels and the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing;

10. *Encourages* Member States and relevant stakeholders to support the United Nations Road Safety Fund, for which a pledging conference will be held alongside the high-level meeting on improving global road safety, and the replenishment, as appropriate, of the World Bank Global Road Safety Facility;

11. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, relevant medical organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community and the private sector who may participate in the high-level meeting, including its panel discussions, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender parity, to submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis³ and to bring the list to the attention of the Assembly for a final decision by the Assembly on participation in the high-level meeting;

12. *Encourages* Member States and members of the United Nations specialized agencies to include in their delegations to the high-level meeting ministers from all relevant ministries, as appropriate, representatives such as parliamentarians, mayors and governors, representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, Indigenous Peoples, people of African descent, persons with disabilities, community organizations and faith-based organizations, academic institutions and the private sector with expertise in road safety, philanthropic foundations, and networks working in the field of road safety, with due regard for gender balance and geographical representation;

13. *Decides* that the proceedings of the high-level meeting and the multi-stakeholder hearing shall be webcast, and encourages the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Director General of the World Health Organization and the Executive Secretaries of the United Nations regional commissions to give the highest visibility to the high-level meeting, through all relevant media platforms and information and communications technologies.

³ The list will include proposed as well as final names. The general basis of any objections, if requested by one or more States Members of the United Nations or States members of the specialized agencies, will be made known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the requester.