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Stockholm Declaration

Third Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety: Achieving Global Goals 2030

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We, Ministers and Heads of Delegations as well as representatives of international, regional and sub-regional governmental and nongovernmental organizations and the private sector gathered in Stockholm, Sweden, on 19 and 20 February 2020 for the Third Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety;

Acknowledge the leadership of the Government of Sweden in preparing and hosting this Third Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety;

Commend the Government of the Russian Federation for hosting the first Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety in 2009, which culminated in the Moscow Declaration, and the Government of Brazil for hosting the second Global High-level Conference on Road Safety in 2015, which culminated in the Brasilia Declaration;

Acknowledge the role of the Governments of the Russian Federation and the Sultanate of Oman in leading the process for adoption of related United Nations General Assembly resolutions;

Reaffirm the right of every individual to safety and health, independent of age, gender, religion or economic status;

Welcome United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a framework to integrate road safety in other policy areas, especially policy areas relating to SDG targets for Climate Action, Gender Equality, Health and Well-Being, Quality Education, Reduced Inequalities, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Infrastructure and Responsible Consumption and Production for mutual benefits for all;

Welcome the adoption on 10 October 2019 of the United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development’s political declaration and its pledge in September 2019, to make the coming decade one of **action and delivery**, and the continued commitment to maintain the integrity of the 2030 Agenda, including by “ensuring ambitious and continuous action on the targets of the SDGs with a 2020 timelineⁱ”, including target 3.6 of reducing road traffic fatalities and injuries by half;

Welcome the adoption of regional road safety strategies, targets, and action plans such as those already adopted by the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) and the European Union (EU) to meet the target to halve road deaths and serious injuries by 2030; and recognize the importance of regional initiatives to mobilize multi-sector road safety partnerships;

Welcome and encourage implementation of the Voluntary Global Road Safety Performance Targets agreed by United Nations Member States;

Welcome key achievements to date of the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020, including enhanced global coordination through the World Health Organization, the United Nations Regional Commissions and the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration, increased accession and implementation of the United Nations legal instruments on road safety, greater civil society engagement, production and dissemination of information resources on road traffic injury prevention including the WHO Global Status Reports on Road Safety, inclusion of a road safety target in the SDGs, the establishment of the United Nations Road Safety Fund by support of the United Nations Secretary-General, the appointment and efforts of the United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for Road Safety in

effectively mobilizing sustained high-level commitment to road safety, the increased commitment of the World Bank and other MDBs to road safety, increased focus and resources for road safety by many governments and the private sector including through donations to the Global Road Safety Facility and the Global Road Safety Partnership;

Acknowledge the lessons learnt from the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020 such as the need to promote an integrated approach to road safety such as the safe system approach and Vision Zero, pursue long-term and sustainable safety solutions, and strengthen national inter-sectoral collaboration including engagement with NGOs and civil society as well as businesses and industry which contribute to and influence the social and economic development of countries;

Commend the progress made but emphasize that **all countries** still face major challenges, and whilst there are specific regional and local challenges there are also many proven measures that need to be intensified everywhere;

Recognize that some well-known and proven behavioral road safety measures such as the adoption and enforcement of legislation on speed, drinking and driving or the use of seatbelts, child restraints or motorcycle helmets could save hundreds of thousands of lives annually but are still not being implemented in most countries;

Express great concern that road traffic crashes kill more than 1.35 million people every year, with over 90% of these casualties occurring in low- and middle-income countries, that these collisions are the leading cause of death for children and young adults aged 5-29 years, and that the projected up to 500 million road traffic deaths and injuries worldwide between 2020 and 2030 constitute a preventable epidemic and crisis that to avoid will require more significant political commitment and greater action at all levels in the next decade;

Acknowledge the significant impact of road traffic crashes on children and young people and emphasize the importance of taking into account their needs and those of other vulnerable populations including older people and people with disabilities;

Call attention to the damaging impact of road crashes and related deaths and injuries on long-term national economic growth, the unequal progress across regions, genders and income levels and express concern over the fact that no low-income countries have reduced the number of road traffic deaths between 2013 and 2016 which highlights clearly the link between development and road safety;

Acknowledge that the overwhelming majority of road traffic deaths and injuries are preventable and that they remain a major development and public health problem that has broad social and economic consequences which, if unaddressed, will affect progress towards the achievement of the SDGs;

Recognize the distinct and divergent challenges posed for road safety and sustainability in both urban and rural areas and note in particular the growing safety threat for vulnerable road users in cities;

Stress the centrality to effective, evidence-based policy-making of gathering quality data, including at the regional level, notably on deaths and serious injuries;

Recognize our **shared responsibility** to move towards a world free from road traffic fatalities and serious injuries and that addressing road safety demands multi-stakeholder collaboration among the public and private sectors, academia, professional organizations, nongovernmental organizations and the media;

Recognize that **SDG target 3.6 will not be met by 2020** and that significant progress can only be achieved through stronger political will, implementation of evidence-based strategies and engagement with all relevant actors including the private sector, as well as additional innovative approaches.

Reiterating our strong commitment to achieving global goals by 2030 and emphasizing our shared responsibility, we hereby resolve to;

1. *Reaffirm* our commitment to the full implementation of 2030 Agenda, recognizing the synergies between the SDG policy areas, as well as the need to work in an integrated manner for mutual benefits;
2. *Address* the connections between road safety, mental and physical health, development, education, equity, gender equality, sustainable cities, environment and climate change, as well as the social determinants of safety and interdependence between the different SDGs, recalling that the SDGs and targets are integrated and indivisible;
3. *Call* upon Member States to reduce road traffic deaths by at least 50% from 2020 to 2030 in line with the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development's pledge to continue action on the SDG targets, including 3.6 after 2020, and to set targets to reduce fatalities and serious injuries, in line with this commitment, for all groups of road users and especially vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and users of public transport;
4. *Call* upon Member States and the international community to address the unacceptable burden of road traffic injury on children and young people as a priority, increasing political commitment, by ensuring that the SDG Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health delivers necessary action on road safety;
5. *Ensure* political commitment and responsibility at the highest level and establish regional, national and sub-national strategies and action plans for road safety, and contributions from different governmental agencies as well as multi-sectoral partnerships to deliver the scale of efforts required at regional, national and sub-national levels to achieve SDG targets, and that these strategies and efforts are transparent and public;
6. *Encourage* Member States that have not yet done so to consider becoming contracting parties to the United Nations legal instruments on road safety as well as applying, implementing and promoting their provisions or safety regulations, and ensure that legislation and standards for road design and construction, vehicles, and road use are consistent with safe system principles and are enforced;
7. *Include* road safety and the safe system approach as an integral element of street design, transport system planning and governance, especially for vulnerable road users and in urban areas, by strengthening institutional capacity with regard to road safety laws and law enforcement, vehicle safety, infrastructure improvements, public transport, post-crash care, and data;
8. *Speed up* the shift toward safer, cleaner, more energy efficient and affordable modes of transport and promote higher levels of physical activity such as walking and cycling as well as integrating these modes with the use of public transport to achieve sustainability;
9. *Encourage and incentivize* the development, application and deployment of existing and future technologies and other innovations to improve accessibility and all aspects of road safety from crash prevention to emergency response and trauma care, with special attention given to the safety needs of those road users who are the most vulnerable including pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and users of public transport;
10. *Focus* on speed management, including the strengthening of law enforcement to prevent speeding and mandate a maximum road travel speed limit of 30 km/h in areas where vulnerable road users and vehicles mix in a frequent and planned manner, except where strong evidence exists that higher speeds are safe, noting that efforts to reduce speed will have a beneficial impact on air quality and climate change as well as being vital to reduce road traffic deaths and injuries;

11. *Ensure* that all vehicles produced, sold and used for every market by 2030 are equipped with recommended levels of safety performance, and that incentives for use of vehicles with enhanced safety performance are provided where possible;
12. *Ensure* that an integrated road safety approach and minimum safety performance standards for all road users are a key requirement in road infrastructure improvements and investments;
13. *Call upon* businesses and industries of all sizes and sectors to contribute to the attainment of the road safety related SDGs by applying the safe system approach to their entire value chain including internal practices throughout their procurement, production and distribution process, and to include reporting of safety performance in their sustainability reports;
14. *Call upon* public organisations at all levels to procure safe and sustainable transport services and vehicles and encourage the private sector to follow this example, including the purchase of safe and sustainable vehicle fleets;
15. *Encourage* increased investment in road safety, recognizing the high rates of return of road injury prevention projects and programs and the necessity of scaling up activities to meet the road safety related SDGs;
16. *Emphasize* the importance of monitoring and reporting progress towards the achievement of our common goals and the Voluntary Global Road Safety Performance Targets agreed by Member States, and call upon the World Health Organization to continue to collect, publish and disseminate data through the series of Global Status Reports on Road Safety, leveraging as appropriate existing efforts including those of regional road safety observatories to harmonize and make road safety data available and comparable;

We call for a first High-Level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on Road Safety at the level of Heads of State and government to ensure adequate political action and advance multisectoral collaboration in all the areas covered by this Declaration in order to deliver the only results that matter: a 50% reduction in deaths and injuries over the next decade on our way to Vision Zero by 2050; and

We invite the United Nations General Assembly to endorse the content of this declaration.

ⁱ <https://undocs.org/en/A/HLPF/2019/L.1>