



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

28 April 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 27 April 2021 from H.E. Mr. Ibrahima Toure, Deputy Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire and Mr. Dmitry Chumakov, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation, the co-facilitators for the intergovernmental process to define the scope and modalities for the high-level meeting on global road safety, to be held no later than the end of 2022, as per General Assembly resolution 74/299 of 31 August 2020 entitled "Improving global road safety".

The aforementioned letter from the co-facilitators conveys the date of the first informal consultation to be convened on Wednesday, 5 May 2021 at 3 - 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Additionally, the letter conveys the zero draft of the resolution to be discussed in the meeting. I trust that you will extend your full support and cooperation to the co-facilitators throughout the process.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Volkan Bozkir".

Volkan BOZKIR

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



**Permanent Mission
of Côte d'Ivoire
to the United Nations**



**Permanent Mission
of the Russian Federation
to the United Nations**

New York, 27 April 2021

Excellency,

Referring to the letter dated 30 March 2021 by H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir, President of the 75th session of the General Assembly, advising of our appointment to co-facilitate the intergovernmental process related to the convening of the high-level meeting on global road safety, we have the honour to submit herewith the zero draft resolution on scope, modalities, format and organization for the above-mentioned event.

We will convene the first informal consultation in physical format on 5 May 2021 at 3-6 pm in the General Assembly Hall to present the zero draft resolution and provide the delegations an opportunity to share general comments thereon.

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We are looking forward to an active and fruitful discussion.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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United Nations General Assembly
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Agenda item 12
Improving global road safety

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

The General Assembly,

PP.1 *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 accidents and to provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, *(based on PP.1, A/RES/73/131; SDG-3.6 and SDG-11.2, A/RES/70/1)*

PP.2 *Recalling* that the Sustainable Development Goals and targets are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development, and *acknowledging* the importance of reaching the road safety-related targets of the 2030 Agenda, *(verbatim PP.4, A/RES/74/299)*

PP.3 *Recognizing* that through the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development², Heads of State and Government highlighted the importance of investing in sustainable and resilient transport infrastructure, *(based on PP.6, A/RES/72/274; para 14, A/RES/69/313, annex)*

PP.4 *Acknowledging* that through the New Urban Agenda adopted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)³ Heads of State and Government supported measures to improve road safety and integrate it into sustainable mobility and transport infrastructure planning and design, *(based on PP.5, A/RES/74/299; para 113, A/RES/71/256, annex)*

PP.5 *Recalling* the outcome of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage, and reaffirming its political declaration, entitled “Universal health coverage: moving together to build a healthier world”⁴, which reiterated, inter alia, the need to address the growing burden of injuries and deaths, including those related to road traffic accidents, *(based on PP.5, A/RES/75/131; para 35, A/RES/74/2)*

PP.6 *Recalling also* its resolution 64/255 of 2 March 2010 by which it proclaimed the period from 2011 to 2020 the Decade of Action for Road Safety and *acknowledging* the lessons learned from the Decade, *(based on PP.1, A/RES/75/212; para 35, A/RES/74/2; PP.20, A/RES/74/299)*

PP.7 *Recalling further* resolutions 57.10 of 22 May 2004⁵ and 69.7 of 28 May 2016⁶ adopted by the World Health Assembly, in which it addressed the issue of road

¹ Resolution 70/1.

² Resolution 69/313, annex.

³ Resolution 71/256, annex.

⁴ Resolution 74/2.

⁵ See World Health Organization, document WHA57/2004/REC/1.

⁶ See World Health Organization, document WHA69/2016/REC/1.

safety and health as well as the challenges of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011-2020), *(inspired by PP.3, A/RES/72/274)*

PP.8 *Acknowledging* the importance of the Moscow declaration⁷ adopted at the first Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety in 2009, 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, *(inspired by PP.35 and OP.2, A/RES/74/299; PP.14 and OP.2, A/RES/70/260; PP.22 and OP.1, A/RES/64/255; PP.3, Stockholm declaration)*

PP.9 *Expressing deep concern* that the number of road traffic crashes remains unacceptably high, and that crashes represent a leading cause of death and injury around the world, killing more than 1.35 million people and injuring as many as 50 million people a year, with 90 per cent of those casualties occurring in developing countries, *(based on PP.12, A/RES/74/299)*

PP.10 *Recalling* the proclamation of the period 2021-2030 as the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety, with a goal of reducing road traffic deaths and injuries by at least 50 per cent from 2021 to 2030, in line with the pledge of the 2019 high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly, *(based on OP.3, A/RES/74/299)*

PP.11 *Recalling further* its resolution 74/299 of 31 August 2020, entitled “Improving global road safety”, in which it decided to convene, no later than the end of 2022, the first ever high-level meeting on improving global road safety, *(based on PP.1, A/RES/72/268; OP.39, A/RES/74/299)*

OP.1. *Decides* that the high-level meeting on improving global road safety shall be held in New York from xx to xx July 2022, with a view to addressing gaps and challenges, mobilizing political leadership, promoting multisectoral and multi-stakeholder collaboration in this regard, as well as assessing the progress made in attaining the objectives of the road safety-related targets of the 2030 Agenda; *(based on OP.1, A/RES/70/228; OP.36, A/RES/72/271; OP.39, A/RES/74/299)*

OP.2. *Decides also* that the overall theme of the high-level meeting will be “The 2030 horizon for road safety: securing a decade of action and delivery”; *(based on OP.23, A/RES/73/131; OP.2, A/RES/72/274; OP.2, A/RES/72/268)*

OP.3. *Further decides* that the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting should be as follows: *(based on OP.2, A/RES/74/276; OP.2, A/RES/70/228)*

(a) The high-level meeting will comprise the opening segment, the plenary segment, up to three multi-stakeholder thematic panel discussions and a brief closing segment; *(based on OP.2(a), A/RES/74/276; OP.1, A/RES/73/131; OP.2(a), A/RES/70/228)*

(b) The opening segment, to be held from 10 am to 10.30 am on the first day, will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session, the Secretary-General, the Director General of the World Health Organization and the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Road Safety; *(based on OP.3(a), A/RES/73/131)*

(c) The plenary segment, to be held from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 pm to 6 p.m. on the first day and from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm on the second day, will comprise statements by Member States and observers of the General Assembly; 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; *(based on OP.3(a), A/RES/73/131)*

⁷ A/64/540, annex.

(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 thematic panel discussions and concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly; *(based on OP.3(c), A/RES/73/131)*

OP.4. *Decides further* that the organizational arrangements for the multi-stakeholder thematic panel discussions will be as follows: *(verbatim OP.4, A/RES/73/131)*

(a) Up to three multi-stakeholder panels will be held from 10 am to 1 pm and from 3 to 4.30 pm on the second day; *(based on OP.4(a), A/RES/73/131; OP.2(a), A/RES/70/228)*

(b) Each of the 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 senior representatives of Member States attending the high-level meeting, in consultation with Member States, taking into account gender equity, level of development and geographical representation; *(based on OP.4(b), A/RES/73/131)*

(c) The themes of the multi-stakeholder panels will take into consideration the road safety-related targets of the 2030 Agenda, as well as the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing, with a view to ensuring the most effective and efficient outcomes and potential deliverables and to sharing experiences and lessons learned to address remaining implementation gaps; *(based on OP.4(c), A/RES/73/131)*

(d) The President of the General Assembly may invite parliamentarians, local governments, the heads or senior representatives of Member States, relevant United Nations entities, including the World Bank, development partners, civil society, the private sector, academia, youth-led organizations, medical associations, indigenous leadership and community organizations to serve as speakers on the panels, taking into account gender equity, level of development and geographical representation; *(based on OP.4(d), A/RES/73/131)*

OP.5. *Decides* that the high-level meeting shall adopt a concise and action-oriented political declaration, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations, to be submitted by the President of the General Assembly for adoption by the Assembly; *(based on OP.5, A/RES/73/131)*

OP.6. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly, with the support of the World Health Organization and the United Nations regional commissions, to convene before the end of 2021 a high-level supporting event on investment in road safety, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, to discuss the importance of the road safety-related domestic and international finance for achieving the road safety-related SDG targets and its broader positive impact on public health and the economy; *(inspired by OP.16, A/RES/74/276; PP.7, PP.11 and OP.37, A/RES/74/299)*

OP.7. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, with the support of the World Health Organization and the United Nations regional commissions, in cooperation with other relevant partners, to organize and preside over an interactive multi-stakeholder hearing, before the end of December 2021, with the active participation of appropriate senior-level representatives of Member States, observers of the General Assembly, parliamentarians, representatives of local government, 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 and indigenous leadership, 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; *(based on OP.6, A/RES/73/131; OP.4 and OP.33, A/RES/74/299)*

OP.8. *Encourages* all Member States 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; *(verbatim on OP.7, A/RES/73/131)*

OP.9. *Invites* the United Nations system, including funds, programmes and specialized agencies, including the World Health Organization, regional commissions and relevant envoys of the Secretary-General, to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate, and urges them to consider relevant initiatives, such as the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration, in support of the preparatory process and the meeting, particularly with regard to sharing evidence and good practices, challenges and lessons learned, and to demonstrate ambition to accelerate action on global road safety for sustainable development; *(based on OP.8, A/RES/73/131; PP.23, A/RES/74/299)*

OP.10. *Invites* the Inter-Parliamentary Union to contribute to the high-level meeting; *(verbatim OP.9, A/RES/73/131; OP.11, A/RES/72/274)*

OP.11. *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 meeting and the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing; *(verbatim OP.10, A/RES/73/131)*

OP.12. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of other relevant representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may attend the high-level meeting and participate in the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing and the multi-stakeholder panels, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard to the meaningful participation of women, and to submit the list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis, *(based on OP.11, A/RES/73/131; OP.12, A/RES/70/228)*

OP.13. *Encourages* Member States to consider including in their national delegations ministers from all relevant ministries, as appropriate, as well as representatives such as parliamentarians, mayors and governors, representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, indigenous leadership, community organizations and faith-based organizations, academia, philanthropic foundations, the private sector and universal health coverage networks, with due regard to gender equity; *(verbatim OP.13, A/RES/73/131)*

OP.14. *Decides* that the proceedings of the high-level meeting will be webcasted, and encourages the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General to give the highest visibility to the high-level meeting, through all relevant media platforms and information and communications technologies; *(based on OP.12, A/RES/74/269)*

OP.15. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session to finalize the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting, in close consultation with Member States, including the themes of the multi-stakeholder panels in line with paragraph 4 (c) of the present resolution. *(based on OP.14, A/RES/73/131)*