7 July 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, a letter dated 7 July 2021 from H.E. Mr. Ibrahima Toure, Deputy Permanent Representative of Côte d’Ivoire to the United Nations, and Mr. Dmitry Chumakov, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, 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”.

As an annex to the letter, the co-facilitators transmit the final draft of the resolution, which will be submitted for processing as an L. document. The plenary meeting of the General Assembly to consider the aforementioned draft resolution will be announced in due course in the United Nations Journal.

I take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to H.E. Mr. Ibrahima Toure, Deputy Permanent Representative of Côte d’Ivoire, and Mr. Dmitry Chumakov, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation, for ably facilitating the consultations on the draft resolution and to all Member States for their engagement.

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

Volkan BOZKIR

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Excellency,

We have the honour to write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators of the intergovernmental process related to the convening of the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on improving global road safety.

Reference is made to our letter dated 24 June 2021 conveying that the silence procedure on the draft modalities resolution for the said high-level meeting was broken and that an additional round of virtual informal consultations would be held. We would like to thank all the delegations for the active participation in this meeting.

Based on the points raised by various delegations during this fifth round of informal consultations, the co-facilitators made a compromise proposal striving to achieve convergence of views and address major

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concerns. The written feedback received from delegations showed that principled diverging positions with regard to operative paragraph 12 persist.

In this context, the co-facilitators have the honour to enclose herewith the final revised text of the draft modalities resolution which we propose to introduce for action. Operative paragraph 12 of this text was shaped with a view to alleviating delegations' concerns and providing middle ground between conflicting positions as much as possible, while being rooted in the previously agreed consensual language and the established practice of the General Assembly.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the delegations for their consistent engagement and constructive efforts invested in the negotiation process. It is our hope that the final text could receive support from all Member States in the General Assembly laying down an adequate foundation for the 2022 high-level meeting on improving global road safety.

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

Mr. Ibrahima Toure
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Mr. Dmitry Chumakov
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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,

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,

PP.3 Recognizing that the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development², highlighted the importance of investing in sustainable and resilient transport infrastructure,

PP.4 Acknowledging that the New Urban Agenda adopted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)³ supported measures to improve road safety and integrate it into sustainable mobility and transport infrastructure planning and design,

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,

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,

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 safety and health as well as the challenges of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011-2020),

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,

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.
⁷ A/64/540, annex.
PP.9 **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 1.35 million people and injuring as many as 50 million people a year, with 90 per cent of those casualties occurring in developing countries.

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.

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.

OP.1. **Decides** that the high-level meeting on improving global road safety shall be held in New York in 2022 back-to-back with the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, 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;

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”;

OP.3. **Further decides** that the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting should be as follows:

(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;

(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;

(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 the rules of procedure and 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;

(d) 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;

OP.4. **Decides further** that the organizational arrangements for the multi-stakeholder thematic panel discussions will be as follows:

(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;

(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 balance, level of development and geographical representation;

(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;

(d) The President of the General Assembly should consider inviting 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 balance, level of development and geographical representation;

**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;

**OP.6.** Invites 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 convene, as part of preparatory process for the high-level meeting, before the end of 2021, preside over and prepare a summary of an informal one-day supporting event which will comprise two segments as follows:

(a) An interactive thematic dialogue on investment in road safety, to be held from 10 am to 1 pm, in order 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;

(b) An interactive multi-stakeholder hearing, to be held from 3 pm to 6 pm, with the active participation of representatives of Member States, observers of the General Assembly, parliamentarians, representatives of local government, relevant United Nations entities, invited civil society organizations, including non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, philanthropic foundations, academia and medical associations, as well as the private sector and broader communities, ensuring the participation and voices of women, children, persons with disabilities, youth and indigenous leadership;

**OP.8.** Encourages all Member States to participate in the high-level meeting, including the multi-stakeholder panels, at the highest possible level, and invites all observers of the General Assembly to be represented at the highest possible level;

**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;

**OP.10.** Invites the Inter-Parliamentary Union to contribute to the high-level meeting;

**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 high-level meeting and participate in the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing and the multi-stakeholder panels;

**OP.12.** Requests the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of other representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector with expertise in road safety 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 and gender representation, and to submit the list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis⁸;

**OP.13.** *Encourages* Member States to consider including in their national delegations to the high-level meeting 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, and organizations and networks representing vulnerable road users, other stakeholders such as traffic police, employers and victims’ associations, 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;

**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;

**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.

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⁸ The list of proposed as well as final names will be brought to the attention of the General Assembly. The general basis of any objections, if requested by any Member State, will be made known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the requester.