

6 October 2021

Excellency,

In accordance with the UN General Assembly resolution 75/308 "Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on improving global road safety", I have the honor to inform you that I will convene a one-day supporting event as part of the preparatory process for the General Assembly High-level Meeting on Improving Global Road Safety planned for July 2022. The event will take place on <u>3 December 2021</u> at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and comprise of an <u>interactive thematic dialogue</u> on investment in road safety, to be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., as well as a <u>multi-stakeholder hearing</u>, to be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Road traffic crashes claim nearly 1.3 million lives every year and are the leading cause of death among children and young adults. For this reason, the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030 set the ambitious target of preventing at least 50% of road traffic deaths and injuries by 2030. Ensuring the safety of transport systems is directly linked to SDG targets on sustainable cities and communities (11) and climate action (13). This supporting event will provide an opportunity to identify strategies for securing short- and long-term sustainable sources of financing and to discuss the roles and contributions of diverse stakeholders for the implementation of the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021 – 2030.

A detailed programme and logistics note for the Supporting Event for the High-level Meeting on Road Safety will be provided in due course. For further information, kindly contact my adviser Mr. Shaoxuan Liu (shaoxuan.liu@un.org).

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

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