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**UNITED NATIONS
WORLD YOUTH ASSEMBLY ON ROAD SAFETY
AND
2ND UN STAKEHOLDERS FORUM ON GLOBAL ROAD SAFETY**

From 23 to 29 April 2007, the First United Nations Global Road Safety Week took place. It was aimed at young road users, especially young drivers the number of which is high on the road crash victim lists all over the world.

A number of UN Member Countries organised road safety campaigns on the chosen theme "ROAD SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT" during this week. Also several national actions will span the whole of 2007 on the chosen theme.

The launch of this event was organised jointly by the UN ECE Transport Division secretariat and the World Health Organisation (WHO) at the UN Geneva Palais des Nations, Switzerland, within the scope of the global coordination programme on road safety adopted by the UN general Assembly.

The logo of this road safety week, reproduced in several languages, is shown below



**ROAD SAFETY
IS NO ACCIDENT**

Governments, NGOs and interested business sector representatives participated in an exhibit and encouraged discussions at their respective stands in the Salle des Pas Perdus in front of the main Assembly Hall during the three days.

The website providing all information on these events is:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/globalroadsafetyweek/rsun1home.html>

Two major events took place at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland during the Global UN Road Safety Week:

**THE WORLD YOUTH ASSEMBLY ON ROAD SAFETY
23 and 24 April 2007, Palais des Nations Assembly Hall.**

Over 300 young delegates serving as road safety advocates from around 100 UN Member countries attended this Assembly. Also government and UN Regional Economic Commission officials as well as representatives of NGOs were present.

The objectives of the Assembly, conducted according to the principles of the UN and WHO General Assemblies were to:

- Hear from experts how road safety is discussed and handled at the UN and WHO, at NGO level and at national level;
- Offer a voice to young road users on road safety issues;
- Develop awareness among them on the need for behaviour and attitude changes tending towards sustainable road safety;
- Discuss on how to approach national NGOs, stakeholders and official decision makers;
- Launch the “Youth Declaration for Road safety”.

Youngsters aged between 18 and 25 years chaired, organised and participated in discussions on how to develop awareness around the globe on the urgent need to reduce the huge impact of road crashes on the population, the resulting human suffering and devastating impact on national economies.

Working Groups organised by languages of the different linguistic regions of the world (Arabic – Russian – Spanish – French – English) met and reported to the Assembly on how they felt that youth could envisage raising awareness in their respective governments and organisations.

It was most refreshing to note the competence and enthusiasm of these youngsters as well as their willingness to act and achieve results in the very near future by participating actively on both national and international levels. Five participants were designated to encourage action in the five UN economic Regions.

Among the subjects of concern, the role in developing safe road infrastructure was largely acknowledged and discussed. The declaration thus also calls upon authorities around the world to assess through professional audits their respective national road networks, upgrade existing roads and build new roads according to the highest levels of good practice to enhance their levels of safety.

THE YOUTH DECLARATION FOR ROAD SAFETY was adopted on 24 April. It is a very complete document that can be downloaded from the website referred to above. It addresses parents and guardians, educational institutes, community leaders, policy-makers, community based organisations, private companies and the media. It also calls upon celebrities and the entertainment world to promote road safety and to influence the behaviour of youth in road traffic. This declaration will be carried around the globe like the Olympic Flame by youth on all continents, to enlighten countries, one by one.

THE 2nd UN STAKEHOLDERS FORUM ON GLOBAL ROAD SAFETY

25 April 2007, Palais des Nations Assembly Hall.

This Forum, chaired by Dr. Mark Rosenberg, Executive Director, was attended by more than 250 delegates representing government, civil society and the private sector. Also high-level officials representing the five UN Economic Regions were present.

The objectives of the meeting were to report on the global road safety progress subsequent to the recent UN General Assembly meetings, to discuss the growing gap in road traffic injuries between developed and developing countries, to prepare support for key global issues and for future UN General Assembly debates. The final

outcome is to continue building a community of global road safety stakeholders to handle these questions professionally.

Progress was discussed and assessed. Reports illustrated some significant improvements in the more highly motorised countries, for example the progress towards sustainable safety in the Netherlands. Others discussed the needs to improve safety of young road users, critical lessons for road infrastructure design, etc.

Representatives of the five UN Regional Commissions highlighted problems requiring urgent remedial actions in their respective regions. The role played by NGOs and donor stakeholders in pushing for progress was strongly commended and encouraged.

Specific gaps in the capacity of road safety cover subjects such as Enforcement – Engineering road design and infrastructure – Acute and Long Term Care and Rehabilitation – Data Systems and Accident Statistics.

Finally two Panels were organised to discuss and encourage initiatives towards sustained and coordinated global initiatives to help close the gap between the developed and the developing and transitional countries. The critical needs raised for closing this gap mentioned in particular

- Stakeholder support rising from facilitated discussion groups and the World Youth Assembly
- Innovative Partnerships for the preparation of sustainable good practice guidelines
- Critical resource needs
- Private sector contributions

The presentation of several key global initiatives showed that measures should continue to be taken, considering what has already been done in the past few years since the UN General Assembly decisions. These would lead to improvements regarding

- The mobilisation of the UN components of global road safety policies and actions;
- The use of regional UN and NGO offices to serve in-country and local needs;
- Then mobilisation of political awareness and will;
- The crucial role of global and regional development banks;
- The next steps forward within the UN General Assembly coordination on road safety.

IN CONCLUSION, the objectives of the Forum to raise awareness about the drama experienced by road traffic victims and about the heavy burden on national economies were met. Stakeholders are invited to pursue strengthening the voice of public demand for road safety and developing political will and financial support for sustainable and collaborative efforts towards implementing the recommendations of the “World Report on Road Traffic Injury Prevention” ^{*/} and the report “Make Roads Safe”^{/} and to contribute to identifying and mobilising resources.**

^{*/} WHO/Global Forum/World Bank Report 2004: www.who.int

^{**/} FIA Foundation - Commission for Global Road Safety: www.makeroadssafe.org

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ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE : - 12 Subsidiary (Muntenia, Dobrogea, Oltenia, Banat, Transilvania, Moldova, Brașov, Suceava, Bacău, Vâlcea, Hunedoara, București) ;

- 20 Technical committees (Economical aspects of road networks ; Investments financing for road networks ; Performance of road administrations ; Administration of networks operation ; Interurban roads and integrated interurban transport ; The city and the integrated urban transport ; Sustainable development and road transport ; Freight transport ; Needs regarding rural mobility ; Operation of road tunnels ; Road safety ; Winter viability ; Administration of roads related risks ; Administration of the road patrimony ; Interaction road / vehicle ; Road structures ; Bridges and other works of art ; Earthworks, drainages, base courses ; Terminology ; Professional training).

NUMBER OF MEMBERS (at 31 December 2006) - juridical persons
- 414

- physical persons -
2033.

LEADERSHIP BODY : - National Conference (once in a year)
- National Council (37 members)
- Permanent Bureau (president, first vice-president, 2 vice-presidents, 1 secretary, 5 members).

PRESIDENT : eng. Tiron Dorina

CHARACTER : Professional organization, non-political, non-governmental of public utility, autonomous, with an individual legal status.

PURPOSE : The association wishes to contribute to the promotion and perfecting of a modern and unitary forms of organization in education research-design of roads and bridges construction, maintenance and repairs domain, as well as to the introduction of technical and scientific progress at the staff training, increase of the comfort and safety degree in road traffic, and the insurance of the environment's quality.

ASSOCIATION'S OBJECTIVES : These are :

- to contribute to the technical and economic development of the activities ;
- to support the development of technical and scientific research in domain ;
- to promote the development in training on computer ;
- to establish cooperation with similar national and international associations ;
- to organize conferences, meetings and professional exchanges and to participate at similar manifestations in Romania and other countries ;
- to initiate measures for the staff training about the middle and higher educations, or other forms of perfecting ;
- to support and stimulate the activity of innovation ;
- to support the young specialists with remarkable professional qualities for the promotion ;
- to participate to the elaboration of the directions, standards, technical norms in domain.

Regarding the professional ability, the association certify juridical and physical persons, according with legal provisions.

FORMS OF ACTIVITY : The association's activity is carried on through :

- organizing of courses, conferences, meetings, proceedings, exhibitions and fairs ;
- publications of speciality and informing bulletin ;
- technical libraries, documentation centers, and others ;
- studies, technical examinations, consulting ;
- cooperation with other organizations in Romania and foreign countries.

PUBLICATION : Roads - Bridges revue, 12 issues on a year.

The Professional Association of Roads and Bridges from Romania is available to meet similar organizations on reciprocity basis.

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