



**International Road Federation  
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Federación Internacional de Carreteras**

**Transport Ministers' Forum on Road Safety  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**DELHI DECLARATION**

We, the Ministers and High Representatives, having met in New Delhi, India on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 under the auspices of the International Road Federation (IRF Geneva),

- *Recalling* the United Nations General Assembly Resolution, A/RES/70/260 of 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016,
  - *Recalling* the Sustainable Development Goals and targets and acknowledging the importance of reaching the road safety-related targets, such as target 6 under SDG 3, which aims to halve, by 2020, the number of global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents, and target 2 of SDG 11, which aims to provide, by 2030, access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons,
  - *Expressing* our concern that the number of road traffic crashes remains unacceptably high, and crashes represent a leading cause of death and injury around the world, killing more than 1.25 million people and injuring as many as 50 million people a year and concerned also that road traffic crashes are the leading cause of death around the world for children and young people between 15 and 29 years of age,
  - *Noting* that the overwhelming majority of road traffic deaths and injuries are now predictable and preventable and that, despite some improvements in many countries, they remain a major public health and road safety issues which, if unaddressed, may affect progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,
  - *Recognising* that, the role of national policies and development strategies cannot be overemphasized in the context of reaching the Sustainable Development Goals and that international public funding plays an important role in complementing the efforts of countries to mobilize adequate public resources,
1. Reaffirm our commitment to effectively implement the ambitious road safety-related **targets** in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development goals and call on other Countries and the international community to intensify both national and international collaboration to meet these targets;
  2. Support the development of **voluntary global performance targets** on key risk factors and service delivery mechanisms to reduce road traffic fatalities and injuries in the context of the process leading to the definition and use of indicators for the road safety-related targets in the 2030 Agenda and the Global Plan for the Decade of Action;



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3. Stress the importance of the **United Nations legal instruments on road safety**, such as the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic, the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic, the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals, the 1958 and 1998 agreements on technical vehicle regulations, the 1997 agreement on periodic technical inspection of vehicles and the 1957 agreement on transport of dangerous goods, in facilitating road safety at the global, regional and national levels;
4. Encourage all the car manufactures to sign up to a **UN agreement on minimum vehicle safety standards**, covering passive and active safety requirements (including ESC);
5. Call on all the governments to put in place legislation to make the fitting of **Electronic Stability Control (ESC)** systems mandatory for all new vehicles;
6. Recognise the importance of, accessible, timely and reliable **data** on road traffic fatalities and injuries and commit to improve their collection, analysis, management and use at national and international level;
7. Recognise the significant contribution that **technology and intelligent transport systems** can give to road safety and sustainable mobility.
8. Reiterate our will to ensure the safety and protection of all road users through safer **road infrastructure** and proper safety assessment in planning design, construction and maintenance of roads;
9. Express our concern for the safety of **vulnerable road users** and children in particular and commit to adopt, implement and enforce policies and measures to actively protect and promote pedestrian safety and cycling mobility;
10. Recognise the 6 strategies and 22 interventions recommended in the **Save LIVES: a road safety technical package** (WHO) as an effective evidence-based inventory of priority interventions to guide and support decisions for scaling up road safety efforts;
11. Reaffirm the importance of improving road management systems and to introduce **road safety audits** for new construction projects and **road safety assessment** programmes and star rating systems for the existing networks and recognise the need for capacity building to this effect.
12. Emphasize the need to strengthen pre-hospital care, including emergency health services and the immediate **post-crash response**, through the implementation of appropriate legislation, capacity-building and improvement of timely access to health care.



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13. Commit to implement **professional driver qualification** frameworks, including training, certification and licensing, restricted hours of driving and working conditions with focus on addressing the main causes of accidents or crashes involving heavy commercial vehicles.
14. Commit to enhance **road safety culture** of all road users through road safety education in schools and awareness programmes, particularly in developing countries.
15. Recognise the importance of the annual **World Day of Remembrance** of Road Traffic Victims.
16. Underline the urgent need to mobilise **funding** also through dedicated national road safety funds and CSR resources to support the implementation of the Global Plan for the Decade of Action and the road safety-related targets in the 2030 Agenda, particularly in the developing countries.
17. Welcome the discussion on the establishment, from voluntary contributions, of a **UN Road Safety Fund** to support the implementation of the Global Plan for the Decade of Action and the road safety related Sustainable Development Goals.
18. Commend the work done by the United Nations' **Special Envoy** for Road Safety in mobilizing sustained political commitment to road safety by advocating adherence to and raising awareness about the United Nations legal instruments on road safety, sharing good practices through participation in global and regional conferences and generating funds for road safety;
19. Commend the **International Road Federation (IRF Geneva)** for their untiring efforts over the past nearly 70 years for furthering the road safety agenda globally by engaging in road safety activities worldwide, advocating increased political commitment and fostering collaboration at all levels.
20. Pledge to continue effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to take bold and transformative steps to ensure a **safe and sustainable mobility for all**.

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