



21st Meeting of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration

26–27 March 2015

World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland

PROVISIONAL REPORT

Day 1: 26th March 2015

Opening and welcome

The 21st Meeting of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC) was hosted by the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland on 26-27 March 2015. The objectives of the meeting were:

1. to determine next steps in planning current and future milestone initiatives in global road safety;
2. to discuss current and future activities of the UNRSC project groups; and
3. to provide updates on UNRSC partner activities and review membership requests.

The meeting convened 130 people, representing governments, NGOs, academia, foundations and private companies. This included a delegation from the Government of Brazil comprising the Ministry of Health, the Permanent Mission in Geneva, the Ministry of External Relations, the National Traffic Department (DENATRAN), Ministry of Cities and the Ministry of Justice.

Dr Krug welcomed participants, particularly, the Minister of Transport from Costa Rica, Mr C. Segnini Villalobos, delegates from Brazil, as well as Dr Molnar and other delegates from the UNECE Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (W.P.1) which was holding its 70th session at the United Nations in Geneva, at the same time as the UNRSC meeting. Dr Krug reflected on the 20th Meeting held in October 2014 which marked the 10-year anniversary of the UNRSC and during which participants reviewed the accomplishments of the UNRSC and future opportunities to collaborate to meet the goal of the Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011–2020). Dr Krug emphasized that 2015 is an important year as it marks the mid-point of the Decade of Action and several key events and activities are planned this year, including:

- Third UN Global Road Safety Week in May 2015;
- UN Secretary General’s Report to the UN General Assembly expected to due in August-September 2015;
- Post-2015 Development Agenda to be finalized in September 2015;
- Launch of the *Global status report on road safety 2015* ahead of the Second High-Level Global Conference on Road Safety in October 2015;
- the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims which will be celebrated on 15 November 2015; and
- the Second High-Level Global Conference on Road Safety on 18-19 November 2015.

Dr Krug also informed participants of an upcoming briefing, held on 27 March 2015 for Diplomatic Missions in Geneva, to initiate the consultation process on the “Brasilia Declaration on Road Safety” (the outcome document of the Second High-Level Global Conference on Road Safety), as well as Bloomberg Philanthropies’ new 5-year commitment (2015-2019) to road safety in 10 cities and 5 countries.

Dr E. Molnar, UNECE, highlighted the commitment of UNECE to sustainable development and transport. Key activities included amendments to international regulations and conventions taking into consideration technological innovations; safety in roadway level crossings; harmonization of road signs and signals; and

monitoring of Member States' uptake and implementation of international regulations and treaties on transport and safety.

Keynote speaker Mr C. Segnini Villalobos, Minister of Public Works and Transport in Costa Rica, provided a summary of road safety in his country. Mr Villalobos reiterated the goal of the Decade of Action which was called for by the UN General Assembly Resolution and which was enthusiastically endorsed by Costa Rica. He highlighted the work that still remains to be done in Costa Rica including, strengthening laws on the five main risk factors, particularly focusing on vulnerable road users, and implementing strong social marketing campaigns along with enforcement. He mentioned some of the challenges including processes for administering penalties and integrating road safety in local infrastructure. Mr Villalobos emphasized the strong political commitment in Costa Rica, inclusion of road safety in national development plans, recognition of road safety in the country as high priority for advancing public health and development, and the multi-sector approach to road safety led by the National Council in the country, all of which facilitate improvements in road safety in the country. He reaffirmed that in this context and with this action, Costa Rica can save many more lives.

Planning of milestone initiatives in global road safety

The following section summarizes the discussions on the Second High-Level Global Conference on Road Safety, 18-19 November 2015, Brazil; the Third UN Global Road Safety Week, 4-10 May 2015; the Post-2015 Development Agenda; and the UN Secretary-General's Report to the UN General Assembly on Improving Global Road Safety.

Mrs J. Vallini from the Ministry of Health of Brazil provided an update on progress in planning the Second High-Level Global Conference on Road Safety including branding (logo and slogan), the web site (<http://roadsafetybrazil.com.br/en/index.html>), invitations, venue and provisional agenda as well as the process for proposing pre-conference events (occurring before the conference) and side events (occurring during the conference) (see *Appendix 1*). Mrs Vallini encouraged participants to submit requests for pre-conference and side events. She confirmed that the Government of Brazil will facilitate meeting logistics for side events, but organizers of pre-conference events must be responsible for their organization, including paying for any costs associated with them such as the cost of the venue and interpretation. She then went on to briefly discuss the zero draft of the Brasilia Declaration (available at, http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/road_traffic/Brasilia_Declaration/en/) and provided information to participants about the web-based open consultation process and encouraged participants to submit comments.

Dr Krug provided a report on the meeting of the Friends of the Decade (FoD) of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020¹ which was held on the afternoon of the 25 March 2015 and morning of 26 March 2015 preceding the UNRSC meeting. This group provides advice to the Brazilian organizers of the Second High-Level Global Conference on Road Safety. The purpose of this meeting was to obtain an update on preparations for the conference from the Brazilian delegation as well as discuss the conference programme, speakers and side events/pre-conference meetings, conference communication materials and the travel fund. A lengthy discussion on the pre-zero draft of the Brasilia Declaration was held and the changes suggested by the FoD participants were incorporated in order to generate draft zero of the Brasilia Declaration, which is currently on the web site above for open consultation.

Ms L. Sminkey provided an update on the Third UN Global Road Safety Week to be held 4-10 May 2015 (*Appendix 2*). The objectives of the Week are to highlight the plight of children on the world's roads; generate action to better ensure their safety; and promote the inclusion of safe and sustainable transport in the Post-2015 Development Agenda. She discussed how UNRSC members can support the Week and encouraged everyone to register their events on the Week's website, <http://www.who.int/roadsafety/week/2015/register/en/>. Since the meeting, WHO has finalized a booklet

¹ http://www.who.int/roadsafety/decade_of_action/friends/en/.

entitled *Ten strategies for keeping children safe on the road*² which UNRSC members are encouraged to use (see <http://www.who.int/roadsafety/week/2015/en/>).

The following presentations were made as examples of activities and events which will occur during the Week:

- UNICEF-FIA Foundation partnership, presented by Ms M. Viviani from UNICEF;
- FIA Foundation event in New York, presented by Mr A. Silverman, FIA Foundation (*Appendix 3*);
- Child Road Safety in the Americas Congress, presented by Dr G. Smith, a guest speaker from the Center for Injury Research and Policy, Nationwide Children’s Hospital (*Appendix 4*);
- Safe Roads Safe Kids campaign, presented by Ms K. Carr, Safe Kids Worldwide (*Appendix 5*); and
- Johnson & Johnson’s contribution to the Week and the Decade of Action presented by Mr G. Kardos, Johnson & Jonson (*Appendix 6*).

Mr S. Billingsley, FIA Foundation, provided an update of the Post-2015 Development Agenda and inclusion of road safety in the draft goals and targets (*Appendix 7*). Participants discussed the need to change the date on the road safety goal to 2030 instead of 2020 as it is currently proposed.

Ms E. Murphy, WHO, informed participants that the next UN Secretary-General’s Report to the UN General Assembly on Improving Global Road Safety is due this year (late August to early September 2015). The following are the estimated timeframes and process.

	Date
Send outline and request inputs from UNRSC	1 – 12 June 2015 (2 weeks)
Submit draft to UNRSC for input	13 – 27 July 2015 (2 weeks)
Final due in New York and shared with UNRSC	Late August - early September 2015

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All project groups met during the second day to discuss their activities and progress on implementing their work plans. The terms of reference and work plans of the current project groups were approved at the 16th meeting of the UNRSC held on 15-16 November 2012 in Geneva, Switzerland.² Subject to Section 7.3 of the UNRSC Terms of Reference, project group work plans have a three-year tenure and automatically expire unless continued by members at a plenary meeting. During the UNRSC meeting in November 2014, project groups were asked to review their work plans and provide any changes during this meeting. In addition, project groups were asked to review the Global Plan for the Decade of Action and propose any changes.

There were minor modifications to the work plans which were as follows:

- The road safety management project group would include mention of the Post-2015 Development Agenda once approved by the UN General Assembly in September 2015; and
- The post-crash care project group would include activities around victim support and the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims which had been previously omitted.

No other project groups had changes to the work plans. Participants agreed to extend all project groups for another three years (2016-2019). Project groups also revisited the issue of publications from project groups and where such documents should be housed; this had been discussed in the 20th Meeting and WHO was

² See Report of 16th meeting of the UNRSC at, http://www.who.int/roadsafety/events/2012/unrsc_16_meeting_report.pdf?ua=1.

asked to take this matter into consideration in the next meeting agenda as there was no time for discussion during this meeting.

With regards to modifying the Global Plan for the Decade of Action, the need for devoting a section of the Global Plan to speed was raised as well as taking into account the Brasilia Declaration and the Post-2015 Development Agenda. Therefore, Dr Krug recommended initiating discussions of modifications to the Global Plan during the Second High-Level Global Conference on Road Safety and tabling the discussion until the next UNRSC meeting.

See *Appendices 8-14* for minutes of project group discussions.

Update on UNRSC partner activities

Participants provided an update on their global activities:

- *Global status report on road safety 2015*, presented by Dr T. Toroyan (WHO) (*Appendix 15*);
- Presentation on “Transport for Health” by Mr M. Shotten, World Bank (*Appendix 16*);
- Presentation on “Alliance in action: outcomes of 4th Global Meeting of NGOs for Road Safety and Road Victims,” by Ms L. Brondum, Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety (*Appendix 17*);
- Road Safety in Latin America, presented by Mr F. Rodriguez Laguens, OISEVI (*Appendix 18*);
- Minimizing Road Risks for Travelers VIA On-line Database, presented by Mrs C. Silberman, ASIRT (*Appendix 19*);
- Reaching a Turning Point on Child Helmet Use in Viet Nam, presented by Mr J. Bairstow, AIPF (*Appendix 20*); and
- Convince Save the Children, Convince the World, presented by guest speaker, Ms A. Zelkowitz, Save the Children (*Appendix 21*).

New members

Three new members from government organizations were accepted into the UNRSC, namely, the South African Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA), the Spanish Ministry of Interior, Dirección General de Tráfico (DGT), and the Abu Dhabi Department of Transport.³

Upcoming projects/events

- 12-16 October 2015: International Labour Organization, Tripartite Sectoral Meeting on priority safety and health issues in the transport sector.
- 11-12 November 2015: FISITA annual meeting to be held in London.
- 16 November 2015: Annual NCAP meeting and launch of crash test results.

Closing and next meeting

In closing Dr Krug summarized upcoming key events including the Member States and web consultations on the Brazil Declaration, final preparations for the Third UN Global Road Safety Week, as well as for the Second High-Level Global Conference on Road Safety in Brazil. He informed participants that the Government of Brazil will soon be sending out invitation letters to Ministers. Due to the Conference in Brazil, no UNRSC meeting will be held in autumn 2015 so the next meeting will be held in spring 2016. The date and location will be announced later in 2015.

³ <http://www.who.int/roadsafety/about/partners/en/>.