



United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund
Advisory Board
First session
Geneva, 9 August 2018

List of decisions of the Advisory Board at its first session.

1. The Advisory Board adopted the agenda of its first meeting (UNRSTF/AB/1) adding the topic of the draft rules of procedure of the Steering Committee (UNRSTF/SC/2018/(1)/2) under agenda item 9 (Other business).
2. Regarding the review of the United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund (UNRSTF) Terms of Reference (UNRSTF/AB/2018(1)/1-UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/1), the Advisory Board recommended the Steering Committee amend the TOR by:
 - adding one seat for civil society in the Advisory Board. That seat is to be assigned to *Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA)*.
 - accommodating Option 1, adding four seats with two for member State donors and two for private sector donors for a total of 13 seats (6 donors and 7 UN) with possible inclusion of one member representing research and academia institutions, and one member representing civil society, and invited UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office and the secretariat to explore such a possibility.
3. The Advisory Board reviewed and adopted its Rules of Procedure (UNRSTF/AB/2018(1)/2). The Board created a new rule (Rule 22) which contains additional criteria to be considered while selecting Advisory Board members. The adopted, revised Rules of Procedure are contained in UNRSTF/AB/2018(1)/2/Rev.1.
4. The Advisory Board discussed and – in principle – endorsed the fundraising strategy and related policies (UNRSTF/AB/2018(1)/3-UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/3). It requested the Secretariat to refine the document by taking into account the comments made at the meeting.

The Advisory Board agreed to support (endorse) the proposed, planned donations by the Government of Mauritius, Agence Francaise de Developpement, Michelin, and Uber. The Advisory Board however decided not to accept, for the time being, any contributions from the alcohol industry. At the same time, the Board decided to re-visit the issue of donations from the alcohol industry at the appropriate time in a future. Moreover, the Board agreed with the UN MPTFO that some industries may be high risk (eg. the oil and gas industry as well as the fast food, high sugar drinks and soda industries) and they may require “special scrutiny”. Many Advisory Board members discouraged earmarking. While earmarking is possible under certain conditions, the Board decided not to recommend earmarking, and prohibit it for donations at a country, city or project level. The Board agreed to explore the possibility of allowing “proportional earmarking”. The Advisory Board decided that there should be no minimum contributions and all contributions be made on a voluntary basis.

The Advisory Board requested the secretariat to continue its fundraising efforts – in an open, transparent, and results-oriented manner – consistent with the framework that is laid out in UNRSTF/AB/2018(1)/3-UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/3.

5. A proposal for the “Global Framework Plan of Action for Road Safety” (UNRSTF/AB/2018(1)/4-UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/4) and the related funding criteria and priorities (UNRSTF/AB/2018(1)/5-UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/5) were discussed by the Advisory Board. The Board encouraged the Secretariat to refine both documents by incorporating the comments made at this meeting and present the revised versions at the next meeting. Some Advisory Board members volunteered to provide written comments which the Secretariat welcomed and invited all Advisory Board members to provide written comments as early as possible.

6. The Advisory Board requested the Secretariat submit the first draft of the “operations manual” on the basis of the outline (UNRSTF/AB/2018(1)/6-UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/6) and comments received at this meeting.

7. Concerning the budget of the UNRSTF secretariat, the Advisory Board recommended the Steering Committee approve Option 1 including staff of one P5, one P4 and one GS presented in UNRSTF/AB/2018(1)/7-UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/7 (to be implemented as soon as possible with an appropriation equivalent of one-quarter of the annual budget being made available as of 1 October 2018). An additional amount of \$110,000 is recommended to be made available for contractual services related to website development as of the same date. At the same time, the Board recommended to authorize the UNECE Executive Secretary to increase the secretariat budget up to the maximum of 30 per cent of total contributions, should the secretariat workload require it. It is understood that every effort will be made to gradually reduce the budget as a share of total contributions.

8. Members of the Advisory Board exchanged views on the proposed pilot project proposals contained in UNRSTF/AB/2018(1)/9(1)-UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/9(1), UNRSTF/AB/2018(1)/9(2)-UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/9(2), UNRSTF/AB/2018(1)/9(3)-UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/9(3), and UNRSTF/AB/2018(1)/9(4)-UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/9(4). The Advisory Board decided to re-visit these proposals once the criteria and priorities for project funding have been adopted (agenda item 5) and once a call for proposals has been issued.

9. With respect to the rules of procedure of the Steering Committee (UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/2), the Advisory Board decided:

- a. to recommend to the Steering Committee to raise the quorum from one-third to two-thirds in Rule 33, and to address a possibility of conflict of interest during Steering Committee meetings and deliberations given that the Steering Committee is the decision making authority (as per UNRSTF TOR).
- b. to strongly recommend to the Steering Committee to delete the sentence “Funding decisions shall only be made by participating United Nations organizations members of the Steering Committee” in Rule 39.

10. The Advisory Board will hold its next meeting on 21 November 2018 in Geneva.

11. The Advisory Board adopted the list of decisions of its first meeting.