

United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund Steering Committee First session Geneva, 10 August 2018

List of decisions of the Steering Committee at its first session.

- 1. Mr. Moctar Mohamed El Hacene (ESCWA) was elected as the Steering Committee Chair.
- 2. The Steering Committee adopted the agenda of its first meeting (UNRSTF/SC/1).
- 3. The Steering Committee endorsed the recommendations by the Advisory Board to amend the TOR by:
- adding one seat for civil society in the Advisory Board (to be assigned to *Federation Internationale de l'Automobile* (FIA)), and
- accommodating Option 1 (in UNRSTF/AB/2018(1)/1-UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/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.
- 4. In view of the above, the Steering Committee requested the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office and the secretariat to explore and confirm the proposed changes to the United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund (UNRSTF) TOR. Subsequent to the potential confirmation, the secretariat was requested to present all the necessary adjustments to the UNRSTF TOR and Rules of Procedure (RoP) related to the composition of the two governing bodies at the next Steering Committee on 22 November 2018.
- 5. The Steering Committe reviewed and adopted its Rules of Procedure (UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/2). It agreed to the following recommendations made by the Advisory Board:
 - a. to raise the quorum from one-third to two-thirds in Rule 33, and
- b. to delete the sentence "Funding decisions shall only be made by participating United Nations organizations members of the Steering Committee" from Rule 39.
- 6. The Committee further decided to remove references in the UNRSTF TOR to "funding decisions being made exclusively by participating UN organizations". To this end, it requested the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office and the secretariat to seek confirmation of this change.
- 7. In addition, it agreed to amend Rule 27 to say: "The UNECE Executive Secretary shall establish and provide oversight of the operations of the UNRSTF secretariat" and to Rule 35 to say: "The Chair shall request the Administrative Agent to transfer funds to the participating United Nations organizations and other viable institutions upon the Steering Committee's approval of a project".

The adopted, revised RoP are contained in UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/2/Rev.1.

- 8. Any future adjustments in the Steering Committee rules of procedure (UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/2/Rev.1), effected by outcomes of actions in points 4 and 5 above, will be reflected by the secretariat in UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/2/Rev.2 to be tabled at the next Steering Committee for the Committee's consideration and possible adoption.
- 9. The Steering Committee requested the secretariat prepare a document on how to address conflict of interest during Steering Committee meetings and deliberations given that the Steering Committee is the decision making authority (as per recommendation of the Advisory Board). The Committee suggested that this topic could be part of or included in the UNRSFT operations' manual currently being drafted by the secretariat.
- 10. The Committee also requested the secretariat prepare a document elaborating possible options related to communicating its work with the public at large. The Committee suggested that this topic

could be part of or included with the UNRSFT fundraising stategy currently being drafted by the secretariat.

- 11. The Steering Committee endorsed recommendations of the Advisory Board related to the fundraising strategy and policies (UNRSTF/AB/1) with the exception of earmarking at the country level. The Steering Committee recommends that earmarking be consistent with the UNRSTF TOR, allowing it at the country level. The Steering Committee recommends that the refined document on fund raising strategy include consideration of maintaining an identity of the Trust Fund in the development of mechanisms for partnership, and good practices and lessons learned from other UN multi-partner trust funds.
- 12. 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 Steering Committee. The Committee congratulated the Secretariat on these excellent documents and stressed the importance of the framework document to guide the future road safety actions supported by the UNRSTF. At the same time, it suggested that the documents be refined, in particular the funding criteria and priorities document, to articulate more clearly the strategic role of the UNRSTF in leveraging the road safety efforts taken in countries. The Committee agreed with the comments provided by the Advisory Board. The Steering Committee requested its members to provide additional comments to the secretariat in writing. It requested the secretariat to table refined documents at the next meeting for consideration and possible adoption.
- 13. The Steering Committee agreed with the Advisory Board recommendations to further develop the operations' manual based on the outline (UNRSTF/AB/2018(1)/6-UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/6).
- 14. The Steering Committee approved recommendations of the Advisory Board related to the budget of the UNRSTF secretariat and its composition (UNRSTF/AB/1).
- 15. The Steering Committee discussed issues related to signing MOUs by UN organizations. The Committee decided to support the recommendations of the Advisory Board and the secretariat (p.8 of UNRSTF/AB/2018(1)/8-UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/8), including preferring Option 1 in the case of the World Bank to first establish the criteria on assessement of fiduciary securities and programmatic oversight and screening assessment.
- 16. Regarding the pilot projects, the Committee exchanged views and decided to endorse the Advisory Board's recommendation to re-visit these proposals once the criteria and priorities for project funding have been adopted and a call for proposals has been issued.
- 17. The Steering Committee members requested to be invited to all Advisory Board meetings in a consultative capacity as per the Advisory Board rules of procedure, Rules 6-8.
- 18. The Steering Committee will hold its next meeting on 22 November 2018 in Geneva.
- 19. The Steering Committee adopted the list of decisions of its first meeting.

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