UN Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020

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• UNECE Role in Road Safety
• Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1)
• GA Resolution 64/255
• Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020
  • Pillars
  • Actions
  • Indicators
Progress - result of serious and systematic efforts

- Internationally harmonized regulatory framework
- Setting casualty reduction targets
- Political will and commitment
- Sharing the best practices for further improvement
- Elaboration of strategies and monitoring implementation
UNECE - more than 60 years of road safety work

- Social Rules (driving and rest hours)
- Road Traffic Rules
- Drivers’ License
- Road Signs and Signals
- Vehicle Regulations
- Infrastructure (standards and parameters, tunnel safety, all land modes)
- Border Crossing Facilitation
- Statistics
- Dangerous Goods
The main legal instruments

- European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)
- Convention on Road Traffic, Vienna 1968
- Convention on Road Signs and Signals, Vienna 1968
- European Agreement Concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)
- Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of Such Inspections, of 13 November 1997
- European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) of 30 September 1957

Sets of best practices

- Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)
- Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)
• **UNECE mission**: Elaboration, administration and updating of international legal instruments that establish harmonized regulations and norms ensuring a high level of road safety

• **The Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) is the ONLY Permanent intergovernmental body in the UN dealing with Road Safety open to all countries throughout the world**

• Two sessions per year (next 5-7 October 2015), two ad-hoc Expert Groups
United Nations  

General Assembly  

A/RES/64/255  

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/64/L.44/Rev.1 and Add.1)]

64/255. Improving global road safety

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 57/309 of 22 May 2003, 58/9 of 5 November 2003, 58/289 of 14 April 2004, 60/5 of 26 October 2005 and 62/244 of 31 March 2008 on improving global road safety,
Acknowledging the leading role of Oman in drawing the attention of the international community to the global road safety crisis,

Commending the Government of the Russian Federation for hosting the first Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety, held in Moscow on 19 and 20 November 2009, which brought together delegations of ministers and representatives dealing with transport, health, education, safety and related traffic law enforcement issues and which culminated in a declaration inviting the General Assembly to declare a decade of action for road safety;¹

1. Welcomes the declaration adopted at the first Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety, held in Moscow on 19 and 20 November 2009;¹

2. Proclaims the period 2011–2020 as the Decade of Action for Road Safety, with a goal to stabilize and then reduce the forecast level of road traffic fatalities around the world by increasing activities conducted at the national, regional and global levels;

3. Requests the World Health Organization and the United Nations regional commissions, in cooperation with other partners in the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration and other stakeholders, to prepare a plan of action of the Decade as a guiding document to support the implementation of its objectives;

4. Reaffirms the importance of addressing global road safety issues and the need to further strengthen international cooperation, taking into account the needs of low- and middle-income countries, including those of the least developed countries and African countries, by building capacity in the field of road safety and by providing financial and technical support for their efforts;
To stabilize and then reduce the forecast level of road traffic fatalities around the world by 2020.
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Road Safety Management

◆ Strengthen institutional capacity
◆ Put in practice United Nations road safety conventions
◆ Establish lead agency
◆ Develop a national road safety strategy
◆ Set realistic and long-term targets
◆ Develop data systems

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Safer Roads and Mobility

- Improve safety-conscious planning, design, construction and operation of roads
- Assess regularly safety of roads
- Explore various forms of transport and safe infrastructure
Harmonize global standards
Implement new car assessment programmes
Equip all new cars with minimum safety features
Promote use of crash avoidance technologies
Encourage managers of fleets to purchase, operate and maintain safe vehicles

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Safer Road Users

◆ Adopt model road safety legislations
◆ Sustain or increase enforcement
◆ Promote public awareness of risk factors
◆ Call for activities to reduce work-related road traffic injuries
◆ Establish graduated driver licensing programmes for novice drivers
Post Crash Response

- Develop pre-hospital care systems
- Put in place single nationwide emergency telephone number
- Provide early rehabilitation and support to injured patients and those bereaved by road traffic crashes
- Establish insurance schemes
- Investigate crashes and provide legal response

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• **International Activities**
  • Advocate an increase in funding; advocate for road safety at the highest levels; increase awareness of risk factors; provide guidance to countries; improve the quality of road safety data (5 activities)

• **Funding of activities**
  • Significant funding gap exists and effort must be made to bridge it
Monitoring and evaluation (indicators)

Indicators – Milestones – Mid and End-Term Review

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7 Core
2 Optional

II
8 Core
6 Optional

III
3 Core
1 Optional

IV
10 Core
5 Optional

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