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**Strategic questions of a horizontal and cross-sectoral policy  
or regulatory nature: Road traffic safety**

## **Brazil's request to become a full participant at the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1)**

### **Submitted by the Government of Brazil\* \*\***

1. Improving road traffic safety requires multi-sectoral collaboration efforts and partnerships with society and governments in promoting regional and international cooperation policies led and coordinated by the United Nations through its regional commissions.
2. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) plays a strategic key role in leading these global efforts to improve road safety through the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) and its subsidiary bodies.
3. The Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1), the only permanent body in the United Nations system that focuses on improving road safety, plays a vital role by leading global discussions on international road safety legal instruments. The 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic and Road Signs and Signals are great examples of such tools to harmonize global traffic rules.
4. For this reason, Brazil, as a Contracting Party to the Vienna Convention on Road Traffic (1968), has been an active participant since the seventy-second session of the WP.1 and, based on the deliberations of the Second Global High-Level Conference on Road Safety (Brasilia, 18-19 November 2015), is committed to continuing participating at the sessions. We look forward to sharing our knowledge, opinions and to contributing to the strengthening of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1).
5. Thus, with the support of UNECE member States and the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) Secretariat, the Government of Brazil would like to formally request to become a full participant with voting rights in WP.1, according to the rules established in the reference documents (ECE/EX/1 and ECE/TRANS/100/Add.1).
6. At its seventy-third session (19-22 September 2016), WP.1 unanimously endorsed Brazil's request to become a full participant with voting rights and agreed to support the request at the next ITC session (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/155).

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7. In conclusion, the Government of Brazil would like to count on the invaluable support of the UNECE member States and the ITC Secretariat for our request to become a full participant with voting rights in WP.I of the ITC.

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