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Dear UN Partners,

During the 6th UN Partnership Meeting for Road Safety (“meeting”) earlier this month, it was an encouraging sign of UN system collaboration that many of you referred to the ongoing support of road safety country programmes under the auspices of the UN Road Safety Fund.

As briefly mentioned in the meeting, the Fund was established with the objectives:

- supporting road safety programmes with direct funding across the five pillars of the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety;
- unlocking sustainable sources of domestic financing for road safety in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs); and
- coordinating complementary channels of road safety and sustainable transport assistance to harmonize initiatives for Sustainable Development Goals.

I am pleased that today, despite the obvious challenges since the Fund began operations in 2019, we made important progress under objective 1. Together we successfully mobilized over USD \$24 million dollars in contributions and an additional USD\$15 million in pledges. With the support of 15 participating UN organizations to date, we have channelled these financial resources to build a diverse portfolio of [36 road safety projects](#) across 46 LMICs. And, on 6 February 2023, a 5th Call for Proposals will be launched by the Fund in anticipation of financing even more high-impact road safety projects.

While acknowledging our achievements, the reality is that tackling the global road safety crisis requires much more significant investments that will help close the US\$260 billion funding gap. Accordingly, leveraging our productive partnership model, I call on your further support to help the Fund to advance on the two objectives of unlocking sustainable domestic financing and tapping into private capital for SDGs.

I invite you to nominate a focal point from your respective agencies and departments with experience and expertise in launching innovative financing mechanisms for other SDGs. The Fund secretariat envisages two to three online meetings with focal points throughout 2023, starting with an introductory online meeting and the first exchange of ideas on Wednesday, 1 February 2023 at 1-3 pm CET. Accordingly, it would be much appreciated if the name, title, and contact information of the focal point could be communicated by Friday, 13 January 2023 to unrsf_secretariat@un.org.

As an outcome, the advice and lessons learned from focal points will better position the Fund to develop approaches and launch tools that can accelerate its resource mobilization efforts, unlock sustainable domestic financing and align private capital for road safety – including through partnerships with existing innovative financing mechanisms within the UN system.

Thank you in advance for your continued engagement and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nneka Henry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nneka Henry
Head, UN Road Safety Fund secretariat