



Seventy-fifth session

Agenda item 12

Improving global road safety**Resolution adopted by the General Assembly
on 21 July 2021***[without reference to a Main Committee (A/75/L.109)]***75/308. Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on improving global road safety***The General Assembly,*

Recognizing that, through the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development¹ and its Sustainable Development Goals in September 2015, Heads of State and Government made a bold commitment to halve the number of global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents and to provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety,

Recalling that the Sustainable Development Goals and targets are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development, and acknowledging the importance of reaching the road safety-related targets of the 2030 Agenda,

Recognizing that the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development² highlighted the importance of investing in sustainable and resilient transport infrastructure,

Acknowledging that the New Urban Agenda adopted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)³ supported measures to improve road safety and integrate it into sustainable mobility and transport infrastructure planning and design,

Recalling the outcome of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage, and reaffirming its political declaration, entitled “Universal health coverage: moving together to build a healthier world”,⁴ in which it reiterated, inter alia, the need to

¹ Resolution [70/1](#).

² Resolution [69/313](#), annex

³ Resolution [71/256](#), annex.

⁴ Resolution [74/2](#).



address the growing burden of injuries and deaths, including those related to road traffic accidents,

Recalling also its resolution [64/255](#) of 2 March 2010, by which it proclaimed the period 2011–2020 as the Decade of Action for Road Safety, and acknowledging the lessons learned from the Decade,

Recalling further resolutions 57.10 of 22 May 2004⁵ and 69.7 of 28 May 2016⁶ adopted by the World Health Assembly, in which it addressed the issue of road safety and health and the challenges of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011–2020),

Acknowledging the importance of the Moscow Declaration adopted at the first Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety in 2009,⁷ the Brasilia Declaration adopted at the second Global High-level Conference on Road Safety in 2015 and the Stockholm Declaration adopted at the third Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety in 2020,

Expressing deep concern that the number of road traffic crashes remains unacceptably high, particularly in developing countries, and that crashes represent a leading cause of death and injury around the world, killing more than 1.35 million people and injuring as many as 50 million people a year, with 90 per cent of those casualties occurring in developing countries,

Recalling the proclamation of the period 2021–2030 as the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety, with a goal of reducing road traffic deaths and injuries by at least 50 per cent from 2021 to 2030, in line with the pledge of the 2019 high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly,

Recalling also its resolution [74/299](#) of 31 August 2020, entitled “Improving global road safety”, in which it decided to convene, no later than the end of 2022, the first ever high-level meeting of the General Assembly on improving global road safety,

1. *Decides* that the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on improving global road safety shall be held in New York in 2022 back-to-back with the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, with a view to addressing gaps and challenges, mobilizing political leadership, promoting multisectoral and multi-stakeholder collaboration in this regard, and assessing the progress made in attaining the objectives of the road safety-related targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

2. *Also decides* that the overall theme of the high-level meeting will be “The 2030 horizon for road safety: securing a decade of action and delivery”;

3. *Further decides* that the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting should be as follows:

(a) The high-level meeting will comprise an opening segment, a plenary segment, up to three multi-stakeholder thematic panel discussions and a brief closing segment;

(b) The opening segment, to be held from 10 to 10.30 a.m. on the first day, will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth

⁵ See World Health Organization, document WHA57/2004/REC/1.

⁶ See World Health Organization, document WHA69/2016/REC/1.

⁷ [A/64/540](#), annex.

session, the Secretary-General, the Director General of the World Health Organization and the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Road Safety;

(c) The plenary segment, to be held from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. on the first day and from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. on the second day, will comprise statements by Member States and observers of the General Assembly; a list of speakers will be established in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practices of the Assembly and the time limits for these statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States;

(d) The closing segment, to be held from 5.30 to 6 p.m. on the second day, will comprise summaries of the multi-stakeholder thematic panel discussions and concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly;

4. *Decides* that the organizational arrangements for the multi-stakeholder thematic panel discussions will be as follows:

(a) Up to three multi-stakeholder panels will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4.30 p.m. on the second day;

(b) Each of the multi-stakeholder panel discussions will be co-chaired by two representatives, one from a developed country and one from a developing country, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly from among the senior representatives of Member States attending the high-level meeting, in consultation with Member States, taking into account gender balance, level of development and geographical representation;

(c) The themes of the multi-stakeholder panels will take into consideration the road safety-related targets of the 2030 Agenda, as well as the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing, with a view to ensuring the most effective and efficient outcomes and potential deliverables and to sharing experiences and lessons learned to address remaining implementation gaps;

(d) The President of the General Assembly should consider inviting parliamentarians, local governments, the heads or senior representatives of Member States, relevant United Nations entities, including the World Bank, development partners, civil society, the private sector, academia, youth-led organizations, medical associations, indigenous leadership and community organizations to serve as speakers in the panel discussions, taking into account gender balance, level of development and geographical representation;

5. *Also decides* that the high-level meeting shall adopt a concise and action-oriented political declaration, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations, to be submitted by the President of the General Assembly for adoption by the Assembly;

6. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly, with the support of the World Health Organization and the United Nations regional commissions, in cooperation with other relevant partners, to convene, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, before the end of 2021, preside over and prepare a summary of an informal one-day supporting event which will comprise two segments as follows:

(a) An interactive thematic dialogue on investment in road safety, to be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in order to discuss the importance of road safety-related domestic and international finance for achieving the road safety-related Sustainable Development Goal targets and its broader positive impact on public health and the economy;

(b) An interactive multi-stakeholder hearing, to be held from 3 to 6 p.m., with the active participation of representatives of Member States, observers of the General Assembly, parliamentarians, representatives of local governments, relevant United Nations entities, invited civil society organizations, including non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, philanthropic foundations, academia and medical associations, as well as the private sector and broader communities, ensuring the participation and voices of women, children, persons with disabilities, youth and indigenous leadership;

7. *Encourages* all Member States to participate in the high-level meeting, including the multi-stakeholder panels, at the highest possible level, and invites all observers of the General Assembly to be represented at the highest possible level;

8. *Invites* the United Nations system, including funds, programmes and specialized agencies, including the World Health Organization, regional commissions and relevant envoys of the Secretary-General, to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate, and urges them to consider relevant initiatives, such as the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration, in support of the preparatory process and the meeting, particularly with regard to sharing evidence and good practices, challenges and lessons learned, and to demonstrate ambition to accelerate action on global road safety for sustainable development;

9. *Invites* the Inter-Parliamentary Union to contribute to the high-level meeting;

10. *Invites* non-governmental organizations with relevant expertise that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to register with the Secretariat to attend the high-level meeting and participate in the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing and the multi-stakeholder panels;

11. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may participate in the high-level meeting, including its panel discussions, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender parity, to submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis⁸ and to bring the list to the attention of the Assembly for a final decision by the Assembly on participation in the high-level meeting;

12. *Encourages* Member States to consider including in their national delegations to the high-level meeting ministers from all relevant ministries, as appropriate, as well as representatives such as parliamentarians, mayors and governors, representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, and organizations and networks representing vulnerable road users, other stakeholders such as traffic police, employers' and victims' associations, indigenous leadership, community organizations and faith-based organizations, academia, philanthropic foundations, the private sector and universal health coverage networks, with due regard to gender equity;

13. *Decides* that the proceedings of the high-level meeting will be webcast, and encourages the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General to give the highest visibility to the high-level meeting, through all relevant media platforms and information and communications technologies;

⁸ The list will include proposed as well as final names. The general basis of any objections, if requested by one or more States Members of the United Nations or States members of the specialized agencies, will be made known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the requester.

14. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session to finalize the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting, in close consultation with Member States, including the themes of the multi-stakeholder panels in line with paragraph 4 (c) of the present resolution.

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