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Addressing the challenges of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011–2020): outcome of the Second Global High-level Conference on Road Safety – Time for Results

Draft resolution proposed by Brazil and the Dominican Republic

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report on addressing the challenges of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011−2020): outcome of the Second Global High-level Conference on Road Safety – Time for Results,[1]

RECOMMENDS to the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly,

(PP1) Having considered the report on addressing the challenges of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011−2020): outcome of the Second Global High-level Conference on Road Safety – Time for Results;

(PP2) Recognizing that road traffic injuries constitute a public health problem and a leading cause of death and injury around the world, with significant health and socioeconomic costs;

(PP3) Recalling resolution WHA57.10 (2004) on road safety and health, which accepted WHO's role in coordinating efforts and providing leadership and guidance to Member States, and resolution WHA60.22 (2007) on health systems: emergency care systems;

(PP4) Welcoming the proclamation of the Decade of Action for Road Safety (in United Nations General Assembly resolution 64/255, Improving global road safety (2010)) and the reiteration of the General Assembly's invitation to United Nations Member States to play a leading role in implementing the activities of the Decade of Action (resolution 68/269 (2014));

[1] Document EB138/12.

(PP5) Commending the work of the WHO Secretariat in coordinating global road safety initiatives through the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration, in providing secretariat support to the Decade of Action, and in leading efforts to raise awareness, increase capacity and provide technical support to Member States;

(PP6) Further recognizing that a multisectoral and intersectoral approach is needed to reduce the burden of road traffic deaths and injuries and that evidence-based interventions exist; that the health sector has a significant role to play in improving road user behaviour, promotion of health, communication and education regarding preventive measures, data collection and post-crash responses; and that a "safe system approach" involves several other sectors for vehicle safety regulations, enforcement, road infrastructure and road safety education and management;

[PP6bis. Reaffirming that providing basic conditions and services to address road safety is primarily a responsibility of governments; and further recognizing that addressing road safety is a shared responsibility and demands multistakeholder collaboration (based on PP15 and 16 from the Brasília Declaration);]

(PP7) Welcoming the large number of activities since 2004 that contribute to reducing the number of deaths and serious injuries due to road traffic crashes, in particular: the publication of several manuals for decision-makers and practitioners; the periodic publication of global status reports on road safety; the proclamation of the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011−2020; the marking of three global United Nations road safety weeks; the outcome of the First Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety (Moscow, 2009); the inclusion of targets 3.6 and 11.2 in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the outcome of the Second Global High-Level Conference on Road Safety (Brasília, 18 and 19 November 2015),

(OP) 1. ENDORSES the Brasília Declaration on Road Safety, the outcome document of the Second Global High-level Conference on Road Safety (Brasília, 18 and 19 November 2015);

(OP) 2. CONSIDERS that all sectors, including the public health sector, should intensify their efforts to meet the international road safety targets set by the Decade of Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and accelerate their activities, including the collection of appropriate data on road traffic deaths and injuries by Member States within existing structures for use in prevention and education, the strengthening of emergency care systems and response infrastructure (including pre-hospital and facility-based trauma care) as well as comprehensive support to victims and their families and rehabilitation support services for those injured in road traffic crashes;

(OP) 3. URGES Member States:[1]

(1) to implement the Brasília Declaration on Road Safety;

(2) to renew their commitment to the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011−2020 and to implement the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011−2020;

[1] And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.

(3) to act upon the results, conclusions and recommendations of WHO's global status reports on road safety;

(4) to develop and implement, if they have not already done so, a national strategy and appropriate action plans which pay particular attention to vulnerable road users with special focus on children, youth, older persons and persons with disabilities, and for which commensurate resources are available;

(5) to adopt and enforce laws on the key risk factors, including speeding, drinking alcohol and driving, and failure to use motorcycle helmets, seat-belts and child restraints, and to consider implementing appropriate, effective and evidence-based legislation on other risk factors related to distracted or impaired driving;

(6) to improve the quality of road safety data by strengthening efforts to collect appropriate, reliable, and comparable data for road traffic injury prevention and management, including the impact of road traffic crashes on health and development as well as the economic impacts and cost-effectiveness of interventions;

(7) [to support a process for the development, definition and use of national road safety indicators and targets to reduce road traffic injuries and fatalities, aimed at the achievement of the goal of the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011–2020 and the road safety-related targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;]

(8) to implement a single emergency national access number and improve prevention and emergency medicine training programmes for health sector professionals in respect of road traffic crashes and trauma;

(OP) 4. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) [to facilitate, with the full participation of Member States and in collaboration with organizations in the United Nations system, including the United Nations regional commissions, through the existing mechanisms, a transparent, sustainable and participatory process with all stakeholders for developing voluntary global targets to reduce road traffic fatalities and injuries, in accordance with operative paragraph 29 of the Brasília Declaration on Road Safety;]

(2) to provide support to Member States in implementing evidence-based policies and practices to improve road safety and to mitigate and reduce road traffic injuries in line with the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011–2020 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

(3) to provide technical support for strengthening of pre-hospital care, trauma and rehabilitation services;

(4) to maintain and strengthen evidence-based approaches to raising awareness for prevention and mitigation of road traffic injuries and to facilitate such work globally, regionally and nationally;

(5) to report on progress made in implementing this resolution to the Seventieth World Health Assembly.

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