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Dear Ms Algayerova

Re: Comments from the Global Network for Road Safety Legislators on the Proposal for the establishment of a UN Road Safety Fund

On behalf of the Leadership Council of the Global Network for Road Safety Legislators I am pleased to submit the following comments on the proposal for the establishment of a UN Road Safety Fund.

The Leadership Council consisting of parliamentarians with a strong commitment to road safety from Asia, Africa, East and Western Europe, Latin America, and the USA, are pleased to confirm our strong support for the creation of a dedicated UN fund for road safety. In May we launched our Manifesto #4Road Safety which includes ten key recommendations for parliamentarians worldwide in support of the road safety related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) see: <http://bit.ly/Manifesto4RoadSafety>.

Recommendation nine of our manifesto states: *"That Parliamentarians worldwide support the provision of funding for road safety by endorsing the creation of a UN Road Safety Trust Fund, supported by innovative financing, and by ensuring adequate resources are allocated to national road injury prevention programmes"*. The Manifesto also includes a specific section 'Funding for Road Safety' (see pages 28-29) in which we highlight our concern that road injury prevention remains significantly underfunded. We, therefore, warmly welcome the initiative to create a UN Road Safety Fund and express the hope that bilateral donors, philanthropies and the private sector will contribute generously to it. With road safety now included in the SDGs, we also propose that The OECD's Development Assistance Committee, should take a lead in encouraging the major bilateral donors to recognize road safety as a cross cutting issue that can significantly contribute to the overall objective of sustainable development.

We believe that parliamentarians have a key role to play in mobilizing both effective legislation and resources for road injury prevention. That is why the Leadership Council is ready to provide the strongest support we can for the proposed UN Road Safety Fund. If the opportunity arises I would be delighted to discuss with you further how our Global Network can assist the UNECE's vitally important work promoting road safety worldwide.

Yours sincerely

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