The 28th Meeting of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC) was convened at the WHO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland on 29-30 October 2019.

The objectives of the meeting, as provided in the agenda (see Appendix 1), were to:
1. Discuss preparations of the 3rd Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety in Sweden in 2020
2. Describe progress made in developing guidance documents for the implementation of the Voluntary Global Performance Targets for Road Safety Risk Factors and Service Delivery Mechanisms
3. Discuss current and future activities of the UNRSC project groups
4. Review membership request and provide updates on UNRSC member activities

The meeting convened over 90 people, representing international organizations, governments, NGOs, academia, foundations and private companies. The meeting was chaired by Dr E. Krug from WHO. Mr Jean Todt, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Road Safety provided opening remarks.

Day 1: 29 October 2019

Welcome and introductions

The meeting was opened by Dr E. Krug who welcomed all the participants. Recalling the role of WHO in coordinating road safety efforts within the United Nations, and the establishment of the UN Road Safety Collaboration to support this mandate, Dr Krug invited Ms Naoko Yamamoto, the Assistant Director General, division of Healthier Populations, to provide opening remarks.

Ms Yamamoto informed participants that, as part of the WHO transformation initiated by the WHO DG, Dr Tedros, a new division on healthier population had been created and road safety placed under this division. She stressed the importance of road safety within this division and more broadly at the WHO. Ms Yamamoto thanked Dr Krug for his continued efforts in leading this issue and commended the significative achievements since 2004, year where the World Health Day was dedicated to road safety. Ms Yamamoto stressed the importance of continued collaboration, especially to chart next strategic steps. She concluded her remarks by welcoming the 3rd Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety and hoped for an outcome that is concrete and actionable.

Dr Krug welcome all participants and stressed that this was the last UNRSC meeting taking place before the 3rd Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety. He recalled the progress made since the last meeting
of the Collaboration in April 2019 including the 5th UN Global Road Safety Week on leadership, the launch of the UN road safety policy as well as its implementation at WHO level. He also referred to the launch of an evaluation of the Decade of Action for Road Safety and to the progress made in developing guidance for the implementation of the twelve-global road safety performance targets and related indicators. Dr Krug commended the adoption of a WHO resolution on emergency and trauma care (A72/31). He finally welcomed progress made on planning the 3rd Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety and indicated that most of the discussion during this meeting will be dedicated to the preparations of this Conference including its programme, its pre-events, the invitations as well as the declaration and the recommendations of the expert group.

Mr. J. Todt then provided opening remarks. He referred to the meeting that took place in the morning of the same day which was attended by UN agencies to share information on their activities; he indicated that this was the 4th meeting of this type he organized. Referring to the 3rd Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety and the need for specific outcome, Mr Todt called for the inclusion of a reference to the UN road safety trust fund in the text of the Conference Declaration. He also informed participants that the call for proposal for the UN road safety trust fund was opened till December 4th and that selected projects will be announced at the Conference. He finally referred to the second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference in Beijing, China (5 to 7 May 2020) and to the initiative undertaken with the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA) towards voluntary commitments by vehicles manufacturers to produce safer vehicles regardless of where cars are being produced or shipped.

Dr E. Krug invited participants to observe one minute of silence in memory of Mr Richard Stanley, a journalist and video producer, who passed away the week before and who had greatly contributed to raising awareness around road safety. He commended the work of Mr Stanley and invited Mr A. Silverman from the FIA Foundation to say a few words to commemorate his memory. Mr Silverman saluted Mr Stanley’s persistence, courage, camaraderie and the impact of his work.

Following a round of introduction, Dr E. Krug presented the agenda (cf. Appendix 1) which was adopted by participants. Participants also approved the minutes of the 27th UNRSC meeting.

Discuss preparations of the 3rd Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety in Sweden in 2020

Status of preparation: invitations, programme and declaration

Mr A. Lie, from the government of Sweden, debriefed participants on the status of preparation for the 3rd global ministerial conference on road safety. Specifically, he recalled some of the objectives of the conference, updated participants on the invitation process and reminded them of the four bodies established to support the planning of the conference. He indicated that the conference will be articulated around 5 high level panels and 18 parallel sessions. He welcomed the organization of a wide number of pre-events. Finally, he addressed the process to finalize the Stockholm Declaration and presented some of the guiding principles underlying the declaration development (see appendix 2).

A discussion followed where participants raised questions regarding designation of speakers, additional invitations, participation status. Several UNRSC members expressed interest in supporting planning of the conference sessions.
Evaluation of the Decade of Action for Road Safety

Dr Peden and Prof. Hyder reminded participants that an evaluation of the decade of action for road safety (the Decade) was conducted by the George Institute for Global Health and the Milken Institute School of Public Health with support from Fundación Mapfre and in collaboration with WHO. They described methods used to conduct the evaluation, the methodology observed and presented some emerging results (see appendix 3).

A discussion followed where participants stressed the need to broaden the scope of actors surveyed to evaluate the Decade beyond UNRSC members; to evaluate the Decade against its set objectives (and avoid confusion with target SDG 3.6); and to celebrate success in increasing road safety visibility and scope of road safety stakeholders (including from NGO sector).

Recommendations of the Academic Expert Group

Dr M. Khayesi, WHO, reminded participants of the mandate for the academic expert group and debriefed participants on the composition of the academic expert group, the process followed to develop a set of recommendations. He concluded by presenting the set of 9 recommendations and reflecting on the future of global road safety policy (see appendix 4).

Pre and post events

Participants were debriefed on pre-events to the 3rd global ministerial conference on road safety.

Ms E. Murphy, from WHO, debriefed participants on the pre-event organized on 18 February 2020 entitled “annual meeting of the Global Network for Road Safety Legislators”. She reminded participants of the context and process which led to the creation of global and regional networks of parliamentarians for road safety. She presented the set of recommendations promoted within this network as well as results achieved at country and regional levels. Finally, she referred to the pre-event as an opportunity to review progress and identify additional steps required to strengthen parliamentary engagement and action in road safety (see Appendix 5).

Ms V. Feypell, from ITF-OECD, informed participants on the pre-event organized on 18 February 2020 on regional road safety observatories. She presented the partners involved in this event and presented the draft programme. She also referred to another event organized on 18 February 2020 in partnership with Volvo to present reports addressing micro mobility, data and automated vehicles (see Appendix 6).

Mr R. McInerney, from IRAP, provided information on the pre-event organized in partnership with the FIA foundation consisting in a workshop on 17-18 February to present infrastructure innovation in support of the voluntary performance targets 3 and 4. He also reminded participants of a programme being developed with the World Bank to assess the safety of road designs (see Appendix 7).

Mr A. Silvermann, FIA Foundation, introduced the pre-event organized on 17 February 2020 by the Child Health initiative with support from the FIA Foundation as an opportunity to bring together different voices to push for political action and engagement to make children safe on the roads (see Appendix 8).

Mr F. Lieshoot, YOURS, presented the 2nd world youth assembly whose objective is to convene, on 18 February 2020, 200 youth leaders from 50 countries to explore road safety and cross cutting solutions. He described the creative concept behind this assembly and actions surrounding the assembly. He
informed participants on the processes and mechanisms put in place for planning this event and expected outcomes (see Appendix 9).

Ms L. Brondum, Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety, updated participants on a series of events held on 18 February starting with an exhibition at the Stockholm Central station, continuing with the launch or the people’s survey results and culminating in the People’s meeting (see Appendix 10).

Mr D. Ward informed participants that a pre-event was organized on 17 February 2020 by Towards Zero Foundation, Global New Car Assessment Programme, International Motor Vehicle Inspection Committee, World Bank Global Road Safety Facility and the Stop the Crash Partnership to address the issue of vehicle safety. He also referred to the Ministerial lunch for Commonwealth Member States hosted by HRH Prince Michael of Kent on 20 February 2020.

One participant also referred to the pre-event organized on 18 February 2020 by the WP1 to address the topic of automated vehicles. Reference was also made to a pre-event co organized by the WHO EURO and the city y of Stockholm to highlight regional experiences in urban road safety and active transport achieved at city and municipal levels through cross sector collaboration and community participation.

The full list of pre-events can be accessed on the following link https://www.roadsafetysweden.com/pre--and-post-events/pre--and-post-events/

Finally, Ms E. Altieri, WHO, informed participants that a road safety media fellowship was being organized to support media coverage of the conference. She indicated that the fellowship will cover travel expenses for 20 to 30 media fellows, selected from the pool of journalists previously trained under WHO media fellowship programmes. She invited participants to share any recommendations on specific journalist to consider for this fellowship and to flag events that require media attention.

**Day 2: 30 October 2019**

**Discuss current and future activities of the UNRSC project groups**

Project groups meetings convened in the morning of 30 October. These included the following project groups: road safety management, safer roads and infrastructure, safer vehicles, safer road users, post-crash response, monitoring and evaluation and work-related road safety. Discussions addressed progress and activities to implement the respective work plans of the project groups (see Appendices 11 to 17 for the minutes and presentations of all project groups).

**Review membership requests and provide updates on UNRSC partner activities**

**New member**

The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) formally presented its UNRSC membership request (see Appendix 18) and was welcomed as a new member into the UNRSC.

**Update on member activities**

The following members’ update were provided:

- 2020 International Traffic Safety Conference by Brig M. Al-Malki, Qatar. For details please consult
- UN Road Safety strategy implementation within UNDSS by Mr G. Galante, UNDSS (see appendix 19)
- Guidelines on the Promotion of Decent Work and Road Safety in the Transport Sector by Ms A. Cruz Ross, ILO (see appendix 20)
- 26th World Road Congress in Abu Dhabi Ms K. Graf- Landmann, PIARC (see appendix 21)
- World Day of Remembrance 2019 by Ms Y. Domenech, FEVR (see appendix 22). Participants asked for a more collaborative approach to determine themes and slogan for this day – e.g. utilizing UNRSC network - noting that it was a day endorsed by UN bodies. FEVR asked for a minute of silence before the start of the 3rd global conference on road safety
- Multi-stakeholder’s partnerships for better road safety data and action: Kenya and Senegal by Ms S. Zammataro, IRF (see appendix 23)
- ISO/TC 241 by Mr P. Hartzell, ISO (see appendix 24)
- Implementation of Vision Zero in Latin America by Ms C. Adriazola-Steil, WRI (see appendix 25)
- NETS road safety conference by Ms S. Gillies, NETS (see appendix 26)

**Upcoming projects/events**

- December 2019: Announcement of Prince Michael Awards
- 19-20 February 2020: 3rd Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety, hosted by the government of Sweden and cosponsored by the World Health Organization (https://www.roadsafetysweden.com/)
- 1 – 3 April, ESRA2 International Conference on Measuring Traffic Safety Culture, Paris, France

Visit UNRSC partner websites for additional information about upcoming events.

**Closing and next meeting**

Dr Krug closed the meeting by thanking the participants for their participation. He reiterated his personal commitment to road safety and stressed the importance of the 3rd global ministerial conference on road safety and the need to rethink how we work (including possibly the different project groups).

Qatar offered to host the next UNRSC meeting. This offer was received with thanks by the Chair. Noting however that a general assembly resolution on road safety was hoped for the spring 2020, it was proposed to aim at aligning dates for the next UNRSC meeting with dates of the UNGA debate in New York. The chair indicated that proposed dates for the next UNRSC meeting will be communicated as soon as the date for tabling the resolution is known.