On this World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, my thoughts go to the families and friends of those who have lost their lives on the world's roads this year.

They were sons and daughters, fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, colleagues, neighbours and friends.

All 1.3 million of their lives mattered.

Each death was one death too many.

My thoughts go also to the millions who were injured.

With next February’s Third Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety, governments, civil society and the private sector have the opportunity to commit to increase action in favour of safe speeds, safe roads, safe vehicles and safe people.

When all these elements of the transport system are safe, lives will be saved.

Political will and stronger leadership are needed to ensure that this “Vision Zero” becomes a reality.

The best way to honour the memory of those who have suffered on the world’s roads is for governments to fulfil their commitments.

My colleagues and I wish you a successful World Day of Remembrance.