

**GLOBAL FORUM FOR ROAD SAFETY LEGISLATORS WESTMINSTER DECLARATION
LONDON, 12 DECEMBER 2016**

PP1. We, the Members of Parliament gathered in London, on 12 December 2016 during the International workshop for road safety legislators, organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Towards Zero Foundation (TZF), in association with the UK Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS);

PP2. Concerned that more than 1.25 million people and as many as 50 million are injured in road crashes ever year with 90% of these casualties occurring in low- and middle-income countries¹;

PP3. Recognizing that the overwhelming majority of road traffic deaths and injuries are predictable and preventable and that whilst there has been progress by the mid-point of the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020 much remains to be done, particularly in regard to the adoption of effective legislative and policy frameworks for road traffic injury prevention;

PP4. Recalling the United Nation's (UN) Sustainable Development Goals² (SDGs) include road safety in Goal 3.6 (Good Health & Well Being) with a target to halve road traffic deaths and injuries by 2020, and in Goal 11.2 (Sustainable Cities & Communities) with a target by 2030 to "provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities, and older persons";

PP5. Acknowledging the road safety leadership role of WHO, the importance of UN's road safety related legal instruments and agreements managed by the UN Economic Commission for Europe, and the co-ordination activities of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration;

PP6. Welcoming the UN General Assembly's support for the implementation of the Global Plan for the Decade³ and WHO's preparation of the Save LIVES Technical Package aimed at policy-makers mainly in low- and middle-income countries which provides evidence-based measures that are most likely to help reduce road traffic deaths and injuries;

PP7. Noting the recommendations of the report "Zero road deaths and serious injuries: leading a paradigm shift to Safe System, published by the International Transport Forum, OECD, in October 2016⁴;

PP8. Recalling the UN General Assembly resolution 64/255 of 2010 which called for joint multisectoral action to increase the proportion of countries with comprehensive legislation on key risk factors from 15% to 50% by the end of the Decade⁵;

¹ WHO, Global status report on road safety 2015.

² UN General Assembly Resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

³ http://www.who.int/roadsafety/decade_of_action/plan/en/.

⁴ <http://www.itf-oecd.org/zero-road-deaths>.

⁵ http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/publications/road_traffic/UN_GA_resolution-54-255-en.pdf?ua=1.

PP9. Recalling the Moscow Declaration adopted at the First Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety in November 2009⁶, the Brasilia Declaration on Road Safety⁷ adopted at the 2nd Global High Level Conference on Road Safety in November 2015, the side event ‘Parliamentarians for global road safety - Building a legislator’s network’ held in Brasilia, and the UN General Assembly Resolution adopted in April 2016⁸;

OP1. Establish the Global Forum for Road Safety Legislators to serve as an informal voluntary network for those serving in national and regional parliaments, city and local authorities, responsible for road safety legislation and policy frameworks to exchange best practice in road traffic injury prevention and encourage the adoption and enforcement of comprehensive and effective road safety strategies and laws;

OP2. Support the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020, the implementation of the Global Plan for the Decade, the road safety SDG’s, and the target to halve road traffic deaths and injuries with the aim to move towards a world free from road fatalities and serious injuries;

OP3. Encourage parliamentary bodies that have not already done so to adopt comprehensive laws on behavioural and protective risk factors with a view towards increasing the proportion of countries with comprehensive laws from 15% to 50% by 2020 and adopt measures to fund road safety;

OP4. Encourage the development of ‘All Party Friends of Road Safety Groups’ in parliamentary bodies to promote awareness of road safety and the legislative priorities that will contribute to the UN Decade of Action and the SDGs;

OP5. Encourage the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, and other similar regional parliamentary bodies to give their support to the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety 2010-2011 and include road traffic injury prevention as an important part of their engagement in the SDGs;

OP6. Invite the Towards Zero Foundation⁹, in co-operation with WHO, to assist in the organisation of an annual meeting of the Global Forum for Road Safety Legislators, and depending on the availability of resources, workshops and related activities in support of the implementation of the Global Plan for the Decade, the road safety SDGs and the Save Lives Policy Package;

OP7. Invite the Global Forum of Road Safety Legislators, in co-operation with the Towards Zero Foundation and the WHO, to support the fourth UN Global Road Safety Week to be held on 8-12 May 2017;

OP8. Invite Parliamentarians in all WHO Member States to endorse the content of this declaration.

⁶ http://www.who.int/roadsafety/ministerial_conference/en/.

⁷ http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/road_traffic/Brasilia_Declaration/en/.

⁸ [UN General Assembly Resolution 70/260 of 15 April 2016, “Improving global road safety”](#).

⁹ [The Towards Zero Foundation is a UK registered charity \(number: 7903686\) under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent working internationally to encourage a world free from road fatalities.](#)