Dear Dr Tedros

On behalf of colleagues that are members of the United Nations Safety Collaboration I am pleased to send you the following statement.

As members of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration we wish to record our appreciation and support for the outstanding role and leadership of the World Health Organization (WHO) in global road safety. The WHO has led the promotion of best practice in road injury prevention during the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety; has established a surveillance system to measure the burden of road injury through the periodic Global Status Report on Road Safety; has co-organised successive global ministerial conferences on road safety, such as the recent successful 3rd Global Conference hosted by the Government of Sweden; has served as the UN system wide co-ordinator for road safety, and has always acted as a champion of the efforts of the non-government organisations that contribute so much to the practical delivery of effective road injury prevention programmes around the world. We deplore any curtailment of funding to the WHO that will diminish its vital leadership role in global public health and road injury prevention.

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As leaders in road safety we are all proud to stand with the WHO and applaud its work promoting public health worldwide.

With best wishes

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