



The President of the Russian Federation

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Greetings on the launch of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety

Dear friends,

11 May 2011 marks the start of an ambitious international programme, the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety.

Experts estimate that more than a million people die on the roads each year, one in five of whom are children. More than 50 million people are hurt or seriously injured. The international community therefore has a duty to develop a common strategy and joint action to enhance road safety.

Today the Russian Federation is undertaking major initiatives in this field. We are overhauling our legislation and putting in place a series of measures to make roads safer and more user-friendly for motorists and pedestrians alike.

I am convinced that this United Nations programme initiated by the Russian Federation will help to reduce road traffic injuries and enhance road safety throughout the world.

I wish you success and all the best in your efforts.

(Signed) D. Medvedev