

## **Resolution No. 257 concerning the First United Nations Global Road Safety Week**

**Adopted by the Inland Transport Committee on 7 February 2006**

*The Inland Transport Committee,*

*Welcoming* the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly on 26 October 2005 of a new resolution on improving global road safety (A/RES/60/5),

*Noting with satisfaction* that this resolution welcomes the proposal by UNECE to organize in 2007 the First Global Road Safety Week on the theme of young road users, including young drivers,

*Also noting* that this resolution invites the United Nations regional commissions and the World Health Organization to organize jointly the First Global Road Safety Week, within their resources as well as with voluntary financial assistance from concerned stakeholders from government, civil society and the private sector,

*Welcoming* the excellent collaboration between UNECE, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the other regional commissions and with civil society and the private sector, in particular in the context of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration,

*Noting* that the first four Road Safety Weeks, organized in 1990, 1995, 2000 and 2004 respectively, not only helped to raise awareness of the importance of measures to prevent traffic accidents but also proved their efficiency by making it possible to reduce the number of road accidents and victims in many countries,

1. *Notes* that the First Global Road Safety Week will take place from 23 to 29 April 2007 and that these dates were jointly agreed with the regional commissions and WHO;

2. *Invites* the Governments of member countries and the international organizations concerned to mobilize on this occasion by taking the necessary steps, nationally and internationally, to implement road safety programmes, activities and campaigns on the theme of the Week, namely, young road users, including young drivers;

3. Therefore *recommends* that Governments should:

(a) Define and plan national activities to be carried out within the framework of this Global Road Safety Week in terms of the road safety problems relating to young road users encountered in their respective countries;

(b) Ensure participation and/or association of all ministries and governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with road safety, local communities and information bodies in the preparation and implementation of the activities that are part of the theme of the Global Road Safety Week;

(c) Make every effort to publicize the objectives of the First Global Road Safety Week through the mass media and by setting up Internet links between national road safety websites and the UNECE road safety web page which will be created for the purpose;

(d) Share their ideas and points of view regarding the organization of the First Global Road Safety Week in the UNECE region through the Inland Transport Committee and its

subsidiary body, the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety, thereby maximizing the potential benefits for all;

(e) Ensure a continuing follow-up of the implementation of the activities carried out in the context of the First Global Road Safety Week and furnish the secretariat with a report on the results obtained;

4. *Supports* the decision of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration to hold a World Youth Assembly in the Palais des Nations in Geneva involving delegations from different regions of the world in order to mark the global nature of the Week. *Also supports* the organization in the Palais des Nations the same week of the second road safety stakeholders' forum to which resolution A/RES/60/5 refers;

5. *Recalls* that the aforementioned events should be organized in conjunction with the other United Nations regional commissions and the World Health Organization, in accordance with the criteria set out in the General Assembly resolution;

6. *Invites* the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety actively to support and promote the Global Road Safety Week and the activities organized on that occasion;

7. *Requests* the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Europe, and more particularly the Transport Division, in collaboration with the World Health Organization, to supervise the logistics for the successful organization of the two events mentioned above and *invites* the relevant international organizations to provide support and advice so that these two events will achieve the greatest possible coverage and success;

8. *Also requests* the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Europe to provide all necessary support and publicity to the preparation, organization and follow-up within the UNECE region of the First Global Road Safety Week.

9. As regards the global character of the Week, *underlines* the importance of interpretation into the six UN official languages during the two events mentioned above and *asks* the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Europe to arrange for this.

10. *Also underlining* the importance of translating the Vienna Conventions into the six official languages of the United Nations in order to encourage countries, which are not yet Contracting Parties, to adhere to these Conventions, as indicated in the General Assembly Resolution, *asks* the Transport Division to prepare consolidated versions of the Vienna Conventions at least in the five official languages mentioned in the Conventions as a contribution of the ECE to the First Global Road Safety Week.

-----

Filename: GRSW resolution e.doc  
Directory: G:\Tran\Wp 1\1st GRSW\Résolution CTI  
Template: G:\WORD\Cover Pages\E.dot  
Title: 0524206  
Subject:  
Author: Murray  
Keywords: ECE/TRANS/2006/10  
Comments: Final  
Creation Date: 01/05/2006 17:25  
Change Number: 2  
Last Saved On: 01/05/2006 17:25  
Last Saved By: Poirier  
Total Editing Time: 6 Minutes  
Last Printed On: 16/05/2006 16:32  
As of Last Complete Printing  
Number of Pages: 2  
Number of Words: 2,049 (approx.)  
Number of Characters: 11,066 (approx.)