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“Road Safety is no Accident”

A UN World Youth Assembly on Road Safety

Young delegates from all over the world will gather in Geneva for the first World Youth Assembly on Road Safety on 23-24 April 2007, to discuss road safety issues under the slogan “Road Safety is no Accident.”

The World Youth Assembly, along with a Stakeholders Forum and a Road Safety Exhibition, is a key event in the First United Nations Global Road Safety Week (23-29 April 2007) jointly organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Regional Commissions.

The World Youth Assembly, modelled on the UN General Assembly, represents an opportunity for young people to meet, discuss and let their voices be heard. Official young delegates, nominated by member countries, will explore how road safety for young people can be improved culminating in a Youth Declaration to be adopted at the end of the two-day meeting.

The Global Road Safety Week aims to engage young people in the issue of road safety, raise awareness of the issue among the general public, and encourage action and support from governments. In addition to the activities in Geneva, national road safety campaigns will take place throughout the week in countries all over the world, and the European Commission will celebrate the European Road Safety Day in Brussels on 27 April 2007.

The Road Safety Week events in the Palais are open to the public, especially young people involved in road safety work, subject to registration. For more information and to register, please visit www.who.int/roadsafety/week and/or www.unece.org/trans/globalroadsafetyweek

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