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Appointment and activities of the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety

Note by the secretariat

1. The severe impact of road traffic crashes on wellbeing and health of all people and huge economic consequences for societies, particularly in low- and middle-income countries¹ prompted United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to announce on 29 April 2015 the appointment of Mr. Jean Todt as his Special Envoy for Road Safety.
2. This documents contains (a) the mid-term assessment of the UNECE extrabudgetary project to support the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Road Safety (UNECE E247 - Road Safety Project Phase I), as submitted to EXCOM for consideration at its meeting of 8 January 2016 and (b) the report of the Special Envoy to the Secretary General containing his activities in the period April – December 2015.

I. Mid-term assessment of the UNECE extrabudgetary project to support the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Road Safety

Mid-term assessment of the UNECE XB Project to support the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Road Safety

UNECE E247 - Road Safety Project Phase I

1. Background

The severe impact of road traffic crashes on wellbeing and health of all people and huge economic consequences for societies, particularly in low- and middle-income countries¹ prompted United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to announce on 29 April 2015 the appointment of Mr. Jean Todt as his Special Envoy for Road Safety.

In August 2015, Special Envoy's Action Plan was presented to the Secretary General. The plan rests on four major areas of Special Envoy's proposed future involvement:

- I. To promote global partnership to support the design and implementation of strategies and activities to improve road safety;
- II. To advocate with governments, civil society and the private sector for the promotion of road safety, particularly in countries with a high level of road fatalities and injuries;
- III. To participate in global and regional conferences and meetings on road safety;
- IV. To advocate the accession to, and more effective implementation of United Nations road safety legal instruments.

Each area is further elaborated with concrete actions and anticipated deliverables. In general terms, the Special Envoy is expected to mobilize sustained political commitment towards road safety and share existing road safety good practices through his participation in global and regional conferences on road safety and direct contacts with high-level decision and policy makers throughout the world.

To address concerns voiced about the potential conflict of interest between the role of Special Envoy for Road Safety and his role as FIA President, from the first day of appointment, and to show the role of the Secretariat in this regard, special attention was paid to adhering to the United Nations rules and regulations, as elaborated in part 3.

To support the Special Envoy, the Project envisaged establishment of a secretariat to be placed in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). The broad purpose of the secretariat is to support the Special Envoy to fulfil his role and mandate, and providing him with adequate substantive support for his public appearances at relevant road safety events, with particular attention to the advocacy for accession and implementation of the UN road safety conventions and other legal instruments under the purview of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee, as well as to prepare briefings for his high level bilateral meetings, and other relevant tasks as required.

Approval from UNECE EXCOM of the XB project was required prior to the establishment of the Special Envoy XB-funded secretariat. In July 2015, at UNECE EXCOM's seventy-ninth meeting, various delegates thanked the secretariat for the more detailed information that had been provided regarding the "Road Safety" project (Informal Document No. 2015/20/Rev.1) after the EXCOM meeting of 30 June and the submission of specific questions by some of the member States (see

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Informal Documents No. 2015/28 and 2015/29)². Various delegates also voiced continued concerns about the project, particularly regarding the nature of the specific activities, their costs and the coordination with other stakeholders; the terms of appointment for secretariat personnel that would support the Special Envoy; and potential conflicts of interest. After extensive discussion, the EXCOM approved, Phase I of the project, with the understanding that a project form for this Phase I would be prepared with budget details³ and concrete activities, and would be discussed and agreed upon at an informal EXCOM consultation. The project form for Phase I with budget details and concrete activities was prepared, discussed and agreed upon at an informal EXCOM consultation held at the end of July 2015. The Phase I of the project was to last 9 months (1 August 2015 - 30 April 2016). At the same time it was also agreed that Phase II could start already during Phase I taking into account the often lengthy duration of preparation, implementation and follow-up reporting and closure of road safety activities. The launch of Phase II however requires the approval by EXCOM as it was reiterated at its November session, which asked for a mid-term-report in writing.

2. Project budget, goals and the status of their achievement

The contribution from the FIA Foundation to UNECE for the Special Envoy XB project is €1,500,000. UNECE received half of this amount - €750,000 in September 2015. Request for the initial issuance of allotment advice of US\$ 353,803 was addressed to the UNECE Executive office for the period until 31 December 2015, in conformity with the result-based cost plan for the same period. The remaining amount of the full contribution will cover the necessary budget for the period January – April 2016 and the Phase II of the project, subject to approval by the UNECE Executive Committee, as indicated in the Agreement. Expenditures in the reporting period (September – December 2015) are shown in Annex 2. The total budget approved by EXCOM for Phase I through April 30, 2016, is US\$636,463, of which US\$ 60,305 was spent as of 23 December 2015.

Road Safety Project Phase I has four expected results: (i) the secretariat of the Special Envoy on Road Safety is established; (ii) explored opportunities to establish a United Nations Fund for Road Safety, including hearing process; (iii) key road safety leaders and decision-makers in national governments prioritize road safety; and (iv) awareness about United Nations road safety legal instruments and road safety best practices has increased.

All four of the above Phase I goals have already been or are expected to be completed by 30 April 2016, as explained below.

Regarding the *first expected result*, the establishment of a reduced secretariat has been accomplished (reduced as originally a P4, a P3 and a G staff were envisaged, but following the EXCOM decision recruitment was launched only for the P4 and G staff.); one project manager (P4) and one administrative support personnel (GS) were recruited, in December 2015, although with certain delay as explained below. The second planned activity – substantive support to the work of special envoy has been provided by the secretariat of the Sustainable Transport Division and logistical and IT support by the Office of the Executive Secretary, both until the establishment of the secretariat of the Special Envoy.

Vacancy announcement for recruitment of P-4 and G-5 staff for the Special Envoy secretariat were published at the end of August and tests and interviews of successful applicants were conducted during September. Correspondence with selected candidates commenced as soon as the recruitment process has been completed, however due to transfer from the previous information system in UNOG and ECE and the introduction of UMOJA, all human resources and other administrative procedures relevant for recruitment of selected staff were delayed. This development caused additional delay in

² EXCOM - Informal Document No. 2015/20/Rev. 1, Extrabudgetary Projects, Road Safety

EXCOM - Informal Document No. 2015/28, Answers to questions from member States regarding the extrabudgetary project on Road Safety;

EXCOM - Informal Document No. 2015/29, Consolidated response to questions from member States regarding the extrabudgetary project on Road Safety

³ Estimated budget for Phase I attached in Annex I.

start of the Special Envoy's secretariat, and due to this unavoidable obstacle the XB secretariat has not been put in place as quickly as initially expected. Taking into account that selected staff could not make themselves immediately available, the secretariat started to operate from December 2015. Thus, in Phase I of the project, the reduced secretariat comprises of two new staff members (one P4, and one G5) within the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division.

Second expected result – explored opportunities to establish United Nations Global Fund for Road Safety has also been achieved. The secretariat prepared a document on modalities of trust fund establishment and administration in the UN. Another document under preparation by the secretariat outlines principles of functioning, governance structure and possible ways in which fund resources could be allocated and used. The secretariat stands ready to do further analysis during the first quarter of 2016 as guided by Member States.

Third expected result is that key road safety leaders and decision makers in national governments prioritize road safety. This ambitious goal has been high on the agenda of the Special Envoy and in concrete terms addressed by the Special Envoy through more than 50 meetings, consultations, and participation in various awareness raising initiatives. The long list of his high-level collocutors in mostly low- and middle-income countries with poor road safety situation as well as the content of these discussions demonstrates his commitment to achieve this objective. Progress toward prioritization of road safety in a country is a long and bureaucratic process and it has to be monitored and continuously sustained. This requires systematic follow-up, assistance to countries needing it, and capacity building to raise awareness. Below are only a few selected high-level meetings since the start of the Special Envoy's appointment. For a full list of activities reference is made to the report of Special Envoy to the UN Secretary General.

- Meeting with Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director of UNICEF during the UN Road Safety Week around the issue of children and road safety.
- Meeting with Tunisian Transport Minister, Mahmoud Ben Romhane during which Mr. Romhane requested support in developing a new road safety strategy for the country.
- Discussion with President of France, His Excellency Mr. François Hollande, on road safety situation in France, as well as broader global road safety challenges.
- Several meetings with the High Commissioner of UNHCR, Mr. Antonio Guterres, to discuss how to decrease the number of road crash casualties involving UNHCR vehicles to zero. Discussed the value of road safety workshops for UNHCR dispatched collaborators to address the staff lives lost due to road traffic crashes and the possibility of extending such efforts across other UN agencies.
- Meeting with local UN Country Teams and government representatives leading road safety efforts in Malaysia, Myanmar and Thailand, as well as in Uganda and Kenya and in several countries in Latin America, such as Mexico, Brazil, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia. The Special Envoy used these visits to gather information and advocate for road safety, present the mission and objectives of the Special Envoy, encourage accession to the UN Road Safety conventions, and explore new opportunities for cooperation. The bilateral meetings were substantively supported by the briefing notes prepared by UNECE.
- The Special Envoy and representatives of civil society met during a Multi-Stakeholders Consultation, organized by UNECE secretariat, to exchange views and ideas regarding the Action Plan of the Special Envoy. A summary outcome document of key conclusions is available on the Special Envoy's webpage. The meeting was an opportunity to clarify objectives, develop working methods and provide an open and transparent forum for multi-stakeholder engagement. Building a platform for joint collaboration between the Special Envoy and NGO community was also discussed. One of the requests by civil society representatives was that during his country visits the Special Envoy meets not only

government officials, but also local road safety NGOs. It was agreed that the Special Envoy would notify NGOs in advance of country trips in order to facilitate this goal. The Special Envoy now meets local civil society representatives in the countries he is visiting and this will be implemented in all forthcoming missions.

- The Special Envoy has also met civil society organisations working on road safety at several other occasions.
- Special Envoy's contribution at the Second High-Level Global Conference on Road Safety. The Conference brought together approximately 70 ministerial-level government delegations. A declaration was adopted which aims to reaffirm the path set for the UN Decade of Action 2011-2020. UNECE and the Special Envoy jointly hosted a booth in the exhibition area, which promoted visibility first of all for the UN Road Safety conventions; served as a meeting point for bilateral consultations and well-positioned the UN presence in the conference. The Special Envoy was engaged in the ceremonial opening, was a speaker during the opening statements and in a number of panels of the conference and its side events, including the session on UN Road Safety Conventions jointly organised by UNECE and the French government and several civil society events. On the occasion of the Global Conference, the Special Envoy met the President of Brazil and the Minister of Cities. The government of Brazil confirmed its deliberation to join the 1958 Agreement on vehicle regulations.
- The Special Envoy met WHO Director General and agreed on mutual support and strengthened cooperation to support the road safety cause.
- The Special Envoy met Ms. Violeta Bulc, European Commissioner for Transport, and discussed the setting of a serious road injury target by the European Union, deployment of new vehicle safety technologies, and the latest road traffic trends in the EU.
- The Special Envoy met the UNECE Road Safety Forum, i.e. the Inland Transport Committee Working Party on Traffic Safety (WP.1) where he consulted with delegates on major road safety trends and agreed on close cooperation to address them.
- In addition to the regular meetings with UNECE and WHO, the Special Envoy met most of the relevant UN departments and agencies: UN HABITAT, UNDP, UNEP, UNHCR, UNICEF, OCHA, UN AIDS, UNESCO, UNFPA, WFP, UNOPS, UNODC, UNISDR, FAO. He also met several multi-lateral development banks, including the World Bank and the Inter-American Bank.

While the meetings and consultations were numerous in the past period, workshops and seminars to raise awareness will be organized between January and 30 April 2016, with the newly established and operational XB secretariat of the Special Envoy.

The fourth expected result – increased awareness about United Nations road safety legal instruments and road safety best practices - has been achieved through Special Envoy encounters with the Governments, representatives of international organizations and United Nations system organisations, as well as civil society representatives in countries he visited in his capacity as the Secretary-General Special Envoy for Road Safety. For this purpose, for every mission that has been accomplished in the past period, the secretariat prepared a briefing package containing the road safety profile of the country, situation with main road safety legal instruments, specially designed and customized policy messages and other details relevant for the Special Envoy meetings with the officials. UNECE released a report entitled “Together with UNECE on the road to safety” during the Second High Level Global Conference on Road Safety, which highlights key UN Road Safety conventions and recommendations that are needed in order to achieve the goal of cutting road traffic deaths in half by 2020. In addition, the UNECE Road Safety Spectrum, which offers more technical details, was made available.

3. The role of the Secretariat in support of the Special Envoy

UNECE Sustainable Transport Division secretariat has been providing support to the Special Envoy since his appointment, with the understanding that once established, the XB secretariat of the Special Envoy would take over most of the tasks associated with the activities of the Special Envoy. For example, in preparation for his missions to Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Finland, Kenya, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, Uganda, etc., the secretariat prepared briefing notes on road safety situation, management of the road safety system and other relevant information to facilitate the dialogue between the Special Envoy and high-level interlocutors in each country he visited.

The meeting between the Special Envoy and representatives of civil society organized in October 2015, in order to exchange views and ideas regarding Special Envoy's Action Plan, was also organized by the UNECE secretariat. Thus, in all his initiatives, activities, official appearances at conferences and meetings since his appointment and until December 2015, the UNECE secretariat has been providing the necessary support to the Special Envoy.

The secretariat held regular monthly consultation meetings with the Special Envoy in order to appropriately coordinate, plan and support his planned activities and initiatives. In his written communication with governments, civil society or international organisations, the secretariat has been consulted routinely and advised on the recommended reply. There has been very close and strong collaboration between the secretariat and the Special Envoy.

Moving forward, the newly established secretariat of the Special Envoy will support and prepare the Special Envoy for participation in global and regional conferences and meetings on road safety. Such support includes the information on the United Nations road safety legal instruments in order to assist the Special Envoy in raising awareness on road safety and of promoting improved implementation of these legal instruments by Contracting Parties as well as the accession of those countries who are not yet Contracting Parties. The secretariat also will assist the Special Envoy to implement additional road safety related activities as requested by the Secretary-General.

To ensure that the Special Envoy is briefed on global, regional and national developments in road safety (as may be appropriate) for his public appearances and meetings with policy makers and civil society, the secretariat will maintain a network of communication between the relevant UN departments, organisations as well as entities working on, or having an interest in, road safety.

4. The role of the Secretariat in advising on issues relating to potential conflicts of interest

Particular attention has been given to managing and preventing any potential situation where conflict of interest could be manifested.

According to the established practice, activities of all UN Secretary-General's Envoys are governed by applicable UN rules and best practices, including conflict of interest. Immediately after his appointment as Special Envoy, Mr. Jean Todt was briefed by the UN Ethics Office on how to carry out his roles and responsibilities and avoid potential conflicts of interest. At all times, it is expected that the Special Envoy will carry out his role and responsibilities according to the highest ethical standards of the United Nations.

Both the UN Ethics Office and the UN Secretary-General's office have noted that there is no inherent conflict of interest in the Special Envoy also continuing to serve as FIA President. The Special Envoy was appointed by the Secretary-General on a US\$ 1 per annum contract. Special Envoys are subject to the Organisation's Staff Rules and Staff Regulations. Pursuant to this status, and to avoid potential conflicts of interests, Special Envoys are required inter alia to seek the Secretary-General's approval prior to engaging in any outside activities that relate to the purpose, activities, or interests of the United Nations. Reference: ST/AI/2000/13 and ST/IC/2006/30

Concerning the management of potential conflicts of interest, as senior officials, Special Envoys are additionally required to file financial disclosure or declaration of interest statements on an annual basis. Relevant, disclosure information includes (i) any financial interests and leadership roles they have in non-UN entities; (ii) any relatives employed in the UN; (iii) any involvement in activities which would affect the objectivity and independence required from international civil servants; and (iv), any involvement in activities that could expose the UN to reputational risk.

The UN Ethics Office reviews the disclosed information and advises the Secretary-General on required measures to mitigate and manage any identified possible or actual conflicts of interest. Such measures could include approving disclosed outside interests/activities with caveats (in the event SG approval has not previously been obtained) or requesting the individual to desist from certain activities or to separate from certain entities.

As the Financial Disclosure Programme is an annual exercise, Special Envoys are required to promptly bring to the attention of the Secretary-General any new activities added to their portfolio since the last time they were requested to file a declaration of interest statement.

5. Future plans

In accordance with his Action Plan approved by the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the UNECE and his secretariat, Special Envoy has devised a comprehensive plan of activities and initiatives based on proposed work plan for the period January – April 2016 and beyond. The available amount of funds to be used from January through 30 April 2016 is approximately US\$ 553,000 of which US\$ 271,000 was rolled over from 2015 Phase I approved budget. It is expected that these funds be sufficient to cover the remaining activities planned in Phase I and any redeployment of funds would be timely requested and reported.

A. Activities planned to be completed in the Phase I (until 30 April 2016)

I. To promote global partnership to support the design and implementation of strategies and activities to improve road safety

To fulfil one of the most important tasks of his original plan, further analysis and descriptions of options for a UN Road Safety Fund is under development and will be provided for consultations as requested by Member States.

In March 2016, the Special Envoy is planning to organise a meeting with heads of UN agencies and departments whose work is relevant for road safety and is in line with the tasks relevant for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The objective will be to explore new partnerships and ways to collaborate on road safety and SDGs.

II. To advocate with governments, civil society and the private sector for the promotion of road safety, particularly in countries with a high level of road fatalities and injuries

In order to assist developing countries take leaps in road safety advancement, a study will be published to raise awareness on how technological innovations can improve road safety. This study in a form of a report will contain best practice examples around the world and highlight how modern technology can facilitate leapfrogging in road safety performance. The objective is to inspire and support developing countries use modern and appropriate technology, which can help them leap past development stages to reach better road safety performance in a reasonable time and realistic way. The study is planned to be completed by 30 April 2016.

The feasibility of an online course on Road Safety, potentially including the UN Road Safety Conventions will be explored between the Special Envoy, UNECE and UNITAR with due consideration to avoid duplication of on-going projects of UNECE.

III. To participate in global and regional conferences and meetings on road safety

- Tentative mission trips to countries below to promote accession to UN road safety conventions as well as promote multi-sectoral partnerships: China, Malaysia (Follow-up of 2015 visit), South Korea, Mexico (Follow-up of 2015 visit), Australia, India, Russia.
- Planned meetings and conferences:
 - Meeting with His Holiness Pope Francis
 - World Economic Forum: Participation in side event on Importance of Intelligent Transport Systems in road safety
 - UNECE Inland Transport Committee, where the policy segment will be dedicated to “Innovations for Sustainable Inland Transport with Special Attention to Information and Communication Technologies”
 - World Health Organization: High-level stakeholders meeting to develop strategies to achieve the SDGs
 - ITU-UNECE: Fully Networked Car event on the occasion of the Geneva Motor Show
 - Africa Union Road Safety Conference
- Regular consultations will continue to be held with UN Departments and Agencies, particularly the UN Regional Commissions, WHO, UNICEF, as well as Multilateral Development Banks, particularly the World Bank.

IV. To advocate the accession to, and more effective implementation of United Nations road safety legal instruments

To further promote UN road safety legal instruments with member countries, a workshop will be organised jointly with the UNECE Inland Transport Committee (ITC), back-to-back with the annual session of the Committee in February 2016. The workshop will be organised for selected countries with the objective to increase the number of governments familiar with and interested to adopt UN legal instruments on road safety.

B. Activities considered to be carried out in a potential Phase II (from 1 May 2016) or with implementation date somewhat later than 1 May

I. To promote global partnership to support the design and implementation of strategies and activities to improve road safety

The Special Envoy attaches great importance to capacity building in developing countries which the UNECE also shares and supports. By linking Special Envoy activities with the ongoing UNDA project on road safety performance review (in four UN member countries - Albania, Dominican Republic, Georgia, and Vietnam), which is led by UNECE and being implemented in cooperation with ESCAP and ECLAC, the Special Envoy’s budget could sponsor a road safety performance review in further developing countries. UNECE expertise in planning, organising and executing these reviews could then be used for the benefit additional countries. The other regional commissions that have not been involved in the project due to limited budget have already indicated their interest to join in if funding allows. Countries from Africa have been particularly vocal about their wish to undertake a road safety performance review combined with targeted capacity building. The project period would be from January 2016 to November 2017 with midterm results to be reported in December 2016.

In the second half of 2016, Special Envoy secretariat will organise a policy dialogue and awareness raising event in the form of roundtable with one to three target countries. This national or regional roundtable will aim to increase understanding about the importance of more rigorous road safety policies.

II. To advocate with governments, civil society and the private sector for the promotion of road safety, particularly in countries with a high level of road fatalities and injuries

Another, specific area of concern of the Special Envoy is road safety of school children, as they are amongst the most vulnerable to road injuries and require targeted interventions. To this end, and based on so far UNECE activities and linked to the debates in the framework of the Inland transport Committee WP.1 two reports will be developed, on best practices for road safety measures for children travelling to and from school as well as another on guidelines for renting busses/coaches for transportation of school children. The reports will promote best practices and suggest solutions for children travelling to and from their schools as well as during school fieldtrips. In addition to knowledge creation and sharing, these possible outcomes of such reports is an ITC Resolution to be adopted in 2017. The reports are planned to be completed by October 2016. Both through the Inland Transport Committee WP.1 members and also through direct contacts by the Special Envoy's XB secretariat the reports are expected to benefit from a wide range of stakeholders, governments, UN agencies, such as UNICEF, WHO, as well as with civil societies.

As part of a potential Phase II an additional Multi-stakeholder consultation with civil society would be hosted in the autumn of 2016, in cooperation with other UN Departments, particularly the Regional Commissions, and with UN Agencies, especially WHO, UNICEF, UN-Habitat etc.

III. To participate in global and regional conferences and meetings on road safety

- Tentative mission trips to the following countries to promote road safety policies in line with the UN road safety conventions as well as promote multi-sectoral partnerships for road safety actions: Algeria, Bahrain, Azerbaijan, Paraguay, Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Jamaica, Antigua and Barbuda, Ethiopia, China (follow up from early 2016 meeting), Philippines, Ecuador. To forge partnerships and further support to road safety cooperation trips are also planned to United States (Texas), Brussels, Austria, Slovakia, Finland.
- Participation in a number of major conferences and events are planned and listed earlier.

IV. To advocate the accession to, and more effective implementation of United Nations road safety legal instruments

To foster advocacy for UN Road Safety Conventions and Standards, which is one of the main tasks of the Special Envoy, a special brochure will be produced. This brochure will express the Special Envoy's position on UN Road Safety conventions and present his personal view, thus facilitating his communication and interaction with governments as well as decision- and policy-makers. Furthermore, a series of leaflets on specific UN Road Safety rules and regulations also presenting Special Envoy's position on speeding, drink and drive, child restraints, seat belts, motorcycle helmets, vehicle safety and infrastructure safety. This brochure and the leaflets will be produced in the period January – August 2016, targeting one leaflet per month. It is also foreseen to be linked to the relevant UNECE publications.

To promote road safety within the UN system of organisation, Special Envoy is planning to undertake a series of activities and contacts. He intends to continue sharing his reports to the Secretary-General with EXCOM to ensure full transparency on his completed and planned activities. He will also attend the UNOG Executive Briefing which will be organised with the objective of informing the heads of UN bodies in Geneva about his road safety related activities.

Part of Phase II of the project has envisaged recruitment of an additional P-3 staff. However, considering the past experience with lengthy recruitment procedures, UNECE requests approval from EXCOM in January 2016 to begin advertising and recruiting for the P3 staff, so that the new staff becomes operational as of May 2016, with the launch of Phase II.

**II. Report of the Special Envoy to the Secretary General
containing his activities in the period April – December 2015**



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APPOINTMENT AND ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL ENVOY FOR ROAD SAFETY JEAN TODT

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INTRODUCTION

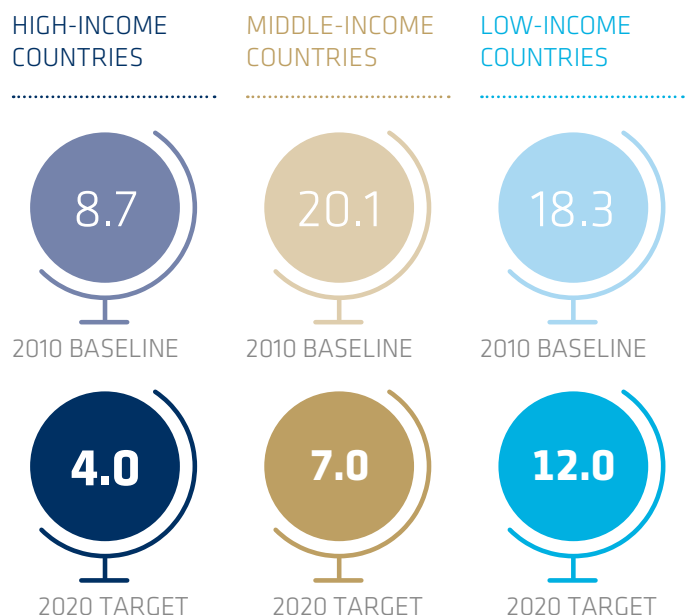
CONTEXT: THE GLOBAL ROAD SAFETY CHALLENGE

- Every year, some 1.25 million people are killed and up to 50 million people are injured on the world's roads. Half of all road traffic deaths are among vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists. Road traffic deaths are also the leading cause of death for young people aged 15-29, and road traffic injuries are the eighth leading cause of death globally.
- Beyond human suffering, road traffic deaths and injuries impose significant economic and financial losses to societies. In 2010, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed a Decade of Action for Road Safety («Decade»). The goal of the Decade (2011-2020) is to stabilize and then reduce the forecast level of road traffic deaths around the world.
- The Decade reaches its mid-term review this year (2015) with little observed change in the number of global annual road traffic deaths.
- With motorization rates rising rapidly around the world corresponding to economic growth, especially in low- and middle-income countries, it is timely and imperative for all countries now to make tangible progress in improving the safety of their roads if they have not yet started to do so, and to further improve their road safety record.

POST-2015 GLOBAL ROAD FATALITY TARGETS



DEATHS PER 100,000 POPULATION



APPOINTMENT OF THE UN SPECIAL ENVOY FOR ROAD SAFETY JEAN TODT:

- United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon announced on 29 April 2015 the appointment of Jean Todt as his Special Envoy for Road Safety. Mr. Todt is the President of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA).
- The Special Envoy will help mobilize sustained political commitment towards making road safety a priority; to advocate and raise awareness about the United Nations road safety legal instruments; share established road safety good practices; and generate adequate funding for advocacy efforts through strategic partnerships between the public, private and non-governmental sectors.
- UNECE will act as the secretariat for the Special Envoy for Road Safety.

THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL BAN KI-MOON APPOINTING JEAN TODT AS THE UN SPECIAL ENVOY FOR ROAD SAFETY.



THE UN SPECIAL ENVOY FOR ROAD SAFETY'S TERMS OF REFERENCE:

In making this appointment, the Secretary-General has determined that the specific functions of the Special Envoy will be:

PROMOTING A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIES AND ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY

The Special Envoy will support the attainment of the overall goal of the Decade, by leveraging his or her professional expertise and experience. In this regard, the Special Envoy is expected to develop a global partnership with a particular emphasis on raising levels of political commitment. The Special Envoy will work with key funding partners – including governments, financial institutions and the private and non-governmental sectors – to secure adequate resources to implement the global partnership strategy.

ADVOCATING WITH GOVERNMENTS, CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR THE PROMOTION OF ROAD SAFETY, PARTICULARLY IN COUNTRIES WITH HIGH LEVEL OF ROAD FATALITIES AND INJURIES

The Special Envoy will advocate for road safety, identifying achievements and challenges at the global, regional and national levels, as appropriate. He or she will highlight the challenges and needs for technical and/or other assistance which may be required, particularly by low- and middle-income countries, to improve road safety.

PARTICIPATING IN GLOBAL AND REGIONAL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS ON ROAD SAFETY

The Special Envoy will participate in global and regional conferences on road safety, including the second high-level global conference on road safety to be held in November 2015 in Brasilia, Brazil. On specific request and case-by-case consideration by the Secretary-General, the Special Envoy may represent the Secretary-General in relevant meetings.

ADVOCATING THE ACCESSION TO, AND MORE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF, UNITED NATIONS ROAD SAFETY LEGAL INSTRUMENTS

The Special Envoy will raise the visibility and awareness of the United Nations road safety legal instruments, including the Conventions on Road Traffic, and Road Signs and Signals, and the 1958, 1997 and 1998 Vehicle Regulations Agreements as well as other related instruments including driving times and rest periods for professional drivers and transport of dangerous goods. The Special Envoy will also promote the accession to and the improved implementation of these legal instruments by Contracting Parties.

What follows is an account of the Special Envoy's visits, speaking engagements and meetings to fulfil these functions.

OPEN LETTER FROM THE SPECIAL ENVOY FOR ROAD SAFETY

3 July 2015

I am sincerely committed to working constructively and inclusively with all stakeholders, to the benefit of all road users, in an effort to generate additional, stronger momentum and ensure the needed support to address the horrific consequences that road crashes continue to have on the lives of so many around the world today.

In my capacity as a Special Envoy I will convey the key messages that will be developed under the auspices of the United Nations and, hopefully, with a contribution from all stakeholders in the road safety community. In this way I wish to contribute to the work of the many highly dedicated practitioners who have relentlessly been working over years to deliver solutions to improve global road safety. I am convinced that a change in the enabling environment is possible, but for this the road safety issue must be brought to the forefront of the development agenda of world leaders.

As a starting point, I welcome that road safety is explicitly reflected in the proposed United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals which are to be agreed at the forthcoming UN General Assembly in September this year. I am committed to working decisively towards ensuring that this target remains in the final document and will spare no efforts to ensure it is achieved.

It will be imperative that the Second Global High-Level Conference on Road Safety, which will take place later this year in Brazil, achieves agreement on clear and measurable outcomes. To this end, I am committed to generate strong and unified support by the entire road safety community and all others who are concerned about road safety, to ensure that governments agree on specific measures to tackle this challenge.

My tasks agreed with the Secretary-General are to help mobilise sustained political commitment for road safety; to advocate and raise awareness about the United Nations road safety legal instruments; and to support sharing of good practices through participation in relevant global and regional conferences. I have also been asked to generate funding, possibly through a UN Road Safety Fund and the building of strategic partnerships between the public, private, non-governmental sectors and the United Nations. In the coming months, I will launch a new initiative to meet this goal with the backing of political and business leaders.

I very much look forward to working in a positive and constructive atmosphere together with you in order to jointly confront this global crisis. I believe we need a strong and united road safety coalition to generate and maintain strong momentum both towards reaching the goals of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety and doing so in a sustainable way looking at the horizon of 2030. In this spirit, the world I want is one without road fatalities and injuries and for that we must achieve a drastic reduction of road crashes.



Jean Todt
UN Secretary-General's
Special Envoy for Road Safety

ACTIVITIES

APRIL AND MAY:

1. APPOINTMENT AS THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S SPECIAL ENVOY FOR ROAD SAFETY - 29 APRIL

Attended the CEB Lunch at UNESCO headquarters for the formal appointment as the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety.

2. MEETING WITH MR. CHRISTIAN FRIIS BACH, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF UNECE AND UNITED NATIONS UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL - 29 APRIL

Following the CEB Lunch, a meeting was held with Mr. Friis Bach to discuss the Terms of Reference and goals for the year ahead and to identify two immediate priorities:

- Ensure road safety's inclusion when the Sustainable Development Goals are set in New York in September.
- Ensure a successful outcome at the Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on Road Safety in Brasilia in November. One key deliverable could be the establishment of a new UN Global Fund for Road Safety, a goal which will be supported by the new FIA High Level Panel for Road Safety to be launched in the coming weeks.

3. MEETING WITH UNECE TRANSPORT DIVISION - 30 APRIL

Ms. Eva Molnar, Director of the UNECE Transport Division, introduced the Special Envoy to the staff of the UNECE Transport Division.

4. MEETINGS AT UN IN NEW YORK - 4 MAY

Meeting with Ms. Joan Dubinsky from the UN Ethics Office

- Discussion on UN ethical rules and the new FIA High Level Panel. Ms. Dubinsky said she saw no problem to participate as a full member and promised to contact the Ethics Offices of both IDB and the World Bank.

Mr. Vijay K. Nambiar, UN Secretary-General's Special Advisor on Myanmar

- Discussion on the activities of the Suu Foundation and possible road safety actions to be implemented in the country.

Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF

- Discussion on the new FIA Foundation-UNICEF report which has been issued and the new High Level Panel.

Ms. Gina Casar, Associate Administrator, UNDP

- Discussion on UNDP programmes under development with WHO, and road safety's inclusion in this agenda.

Ms. Susana Malcorra, UN SG Chef de Cabinet

- Discussion on the new role in which Ms. Malcorra called for a unified approach, bringing together all concerned road safety actors.

5. LAUNCH OF UN ROAD SAFETY WEEK WITH UNICEF - 5 MAY

Launch the UN Road Safety Week on Children's Safety, in New York.

Participants received the 'Child Declaration for Road Safety' from school children. Developed with input from children around the world who voiced their fears about travelling on our roads, the Child Declaration calls upon decision-makers worldwide to take action and protect children.

The event brought together:

- Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director of UNICEF
- Mr. Jean Todt, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety
- Ms. Polly Trottenberg, Commissioner of New York City Department of Transportation
- Mr. Etienne Krug, Director of the Department for the Management of Noncommunicable Diseases, Violence and Injury Prevention at WHO
- Mr. Saul Billingsley, FIA Foundation Director-General
- Ms. Michelle Yeoh, Global Road Safety Ambassador
- Ms. Zoleka Mandela, Global Road Safety Ambassador



6. MEETING WITH THE TRANSPORT MINISTER OF TUNISIA, HIS EXCELLENCY MR. MAHMOUD BEN ROMDHANE - 7 MAY

Discussion on the road safety challenge in Tunisia. The Minister called for support in developing a new road safety strategy for Tunisia.

7. MEETING WITH THE STATE MINISTER FOR SECURITY OF TUNISIA, HIS EXCELLENCY MR. RAFIK CHELLY - 8 MAY

Discussion with the Minister and senior police officials on road safety performance and enforcement issues in Tunisia.

8. MEETING WITH MR. ETIENNE KRUG, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES, DISABILITY, VIOLENCE AND INJURY PREVENTION AT WHO - 10 MAY

Discussion on cooperation with WHO and also on the FIA High Level Panel for Road Safety.

9. MEETING WITH MS. EVA MOLNAR, DIRECTOR, UNECE TRANSPORT DIVISION - 13 MAY

Discussion on administrative matters including the establishment of a Special Envoy secretariat in UNECE. The FIA Foundation may be able to provide funding to help cover the costs.

10. MEETING WITH MR. EMMANUEL BARBE, INTERMINISTERIAL DELEGATE FOR ROAD SAFETY FOR FRANCE - 18 MAY

Discussion with Mr. Barbe about his recent appointment as the Interministerial Delegate for Road Safety for France and on areas for future cooperation.

11. SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT AT SIDE EVENT OF THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY - 19 MAY

Speaking engagement at a side-event of the World Health Assembly in Geneva at the invitation of the Brazilian Minister of Health, His Excellency Mr. Arthur Chioro. The debate focused on challenges for the second half of the Decade of Action for Road Safety and expectations for the Second Global High Level Conference on Road Safety.

Speakers included:

- Mr. Arthur Chioro, Minister of Health of Brazil
- Mr. Victor Kiryanov, Vice-Minister of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation
- Pakishe Aaron Motsoaledi, Minister of Health of South Africa
- Prof. Rajata Rajatanavin, Minister of Health of Thailand
- Dr. Mitchell Wolfe, Deputy Secretary for Health and Human Services of the United States of America
- Mr. Jean Todt, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety
- Ms. Jeanne Picard Mahaut, Federación Iberoamericana de Asociaciones de Víctimas contra la Violencia Vial
- Dr. Etienne Krug, WHO, Director, Dept. for Management of NCDs, Disability, Violence and Injury Prevention

12. MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE, HIS EXCELLENCY MR. FRANÇOIS HOLLANDE - 21 MAY

Discussion centred on the road safety situation in France, as well as the broader global road safety challenges and UN Decade of Action for Road Safety.

13. PARTICIPATION AT INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT FORUM IN LEIPZIG - 27 MAY

The event brought together Transport Ministers from 57 countries. The Special Envoy held a press conference with the Secretary-General of ITF, Mr. José Viegas, to mark the launch of a new IRTAD report on road safety data statistics. He also attended bilateral meetings with Ministers, senior government officials and corporate partners. This included meetings with the German Federal Minister of Transport and Digital Infrastructure, His Excellency Mr. Alexander Dobrindt, and the Transport Minister of Tunisia, His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud Ben Romdhane. The Special Envoy was invited to attend a Ministerial dinner in the evening.



1. VISIT TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION - 5 JUNE

A meeting was held with General Victor Kiryanov, Deputy Minister for Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation, to discuss road safety at both the national and global levels, as well as the FIA High Level Panel for Road Safety.

2. FRIENDS OF THE DECADE MEETING - 8 JUNE

A meeting of the Friends of the Decade was hosted by WHO in Gothenburg, Sweden, where the Special Envoy was represented by his secretariat. Discussions focused on the draft programme for the Second High Level Conference on Road Safety (Brasilia, 18-19 November), as well as the Draft Declaration for the Conference.

3. MEETING OF THE HIGH LEVEL PANEL EXPERT GROUP - 8 JUNE

A meeting of the Expert Group of the FIA High Level Panel for Road Safety (8 June) discussed priorities for the Group for the year ahead, in particular, funding. The UN Secretary-General has agreed to attend a launch of the panel in New York on a date yet to be set.

4. UNHCR SAFE ROAD USE - 10 JUNE

The Special Envoy was invited to attend the launch of the Safe Road Use campaign of UNHCR in Geneva. The event was attended by senior officials from UNHCR and the High Commissioner of the agency, Mr. Antonio Guterres, with whom the Special Envoy also held several meetings.

Safe Road Use is a campaign launched by UNHCR in support of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety that aims to bring the number of road crash casualties involving UNHCR vehicles to zero. This is a crucial matter of safety for UNHCR, as it has the largest fleet of vehicles in the UN system with more than 5,000 vehicles in service in 123 countries. Last year, 15 staff lost their lives due to road crashes involving the organization's vehicles. By setting up a "Vision Zero Plan", UNHCR acknowledged that road crashes are preventable and that the organization will work towards implementing well-known and efficient solutions.



JEAN TODT AND UNHCR HIGH COMMISSIONER ANTONIO GUTERRES AT THE "SAFE ROAD USE" EVENT.



PRESIDENT FRANÇOIS HOLLANDE DISCUSSES ROAD SAFETY AT LE MANS.

5. MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE, HIS EXCELLENCY MR. FRANÇOIS HOLLANDE AT THE OCCASION OF THE 24 HOURS OF LE MANS - 13 JUNE

The Special Envoy met with the President of France to discuss not only the road safety situation in France but also the broader, global road safety agenda.

6. MEETING WITH UNECE SECRETARIAT - 17 JUNE

A meeting was held with the UNECE secretariat to discuss the development of a full plan of action for the Special Envoy on Road Safety and the setting-up of a secretariat dedicated to supporting the new position. Also under discussion was the preparation for the Second High Level Global Conference on Road Safety which is to be held in Brasilia on 18-19 November 2015.

7. MEETING WITH MR. BERTRAND BADRE, MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AT THE WORLD BANK - 19 JUNE

A meeting was held with Mr. Badre to discuss different financial options for road safety and the FIA High Level Panel for Road Safety which is in the process of being finalised.

8. MEETING WITH MR. SCOTT RATZAN, ADVISOR, TOGETHER FOR SAFER ROADS (TSR) - 22 JUNE

A meeting was held with Mr. Ratzan, of the TSR coalition to discuss opportunities for collaboration. TSR brings together private-sector companies to focus on promoting industry best practices to improve road safety. Anheuser-Busch InBev chairs the group.

9. MEETING WITH MR. DAVID WARD, SECRETARY-GENERAL, GLOBAL NCAP - 22 JUNE

A meeting was held with Mr. Ward to discuss the work carried out by NCAP, in particular on the promotion of UN regulations governing vehicle safety.

10. STAKEHOLDER LETTER - 25 JUNE

On 25 June, a letter was sent to the main road safety stakeholder groups, particularly NGOs, to outline in a transparent manner the goals of the Special Envoy and immediate priorities for the year ahead. The letter stressed that the Envoy would aim to work inclusively and constructively with all stakeholders, on behalf of all road users.

1. MEETING WITH UNESCO - 3 JULY

A meeting to explore new areas for cooperation on road safety was held with a particular focus on education and youth. Representing UNESCO at the meeting were:

- Mr. Eric Falt, Assistant Director-General for External Relations and Public Information;
- Mrs. Sabine Colombo, Head of Relationships with Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations;
- Mme Nada Al-Nashif, Assistant Director for Social Sciences and Humanities;
- M. Philipp Müller-Wirth, Programme Specialist for Youth and Sports;
- M. Svein Ostveit, Executive Office Director of the Assistant Director-General for Education.

2. MEETINGS IN MEXICO - 6-10 JULY

Meetings were held with members of the National Council for Accident Prevention for Mexico (STCONAPRA) to discuss progress towards improving road safety in the country. Representing STCONAPRA at the meeting were:

- Dr. Martha Hajar, Technical Secretary;
- Dr. Arturo Gracia Cruz, Director of Accident Prevention;
- Dr. Rodrigo Rosas Osuna, Director of Information and Evidence;
- Dr. Ricardo Perez Nunez, Director of Injury Prevention.

Meetings were also held on road safety with UN Specialised Agencies:

- Dr. Amalia Ayala, WHO/PAHO Representative;
- Mr. Antonio Mazzitelli, UNODC Representative in Mexico for Drugs and Crimes;
- Ms. Sandra Ortega, Coordination Officer, UNDP Mexico;
- Mr. Fernando Bonilla, Development Specialist, UNDP Mexico.

3. VIDEO MESSAGE FOR UNECA THIRD AFRICAN CONFERENCE ON ROAD SAFETY - 9-10 JULY

The Special Envoy was invited to give a video message in support of the UNECA Third African Road Safety Conference which took place on 9-10 July in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

4. MEETINGS IN CUBA - 13-14 JULY

The Special Envoy held meetings with a number of leading national officials in Cuba to discuss progress towards improving road safety in the country, including with the First Vice-President of the Counsel of Ministers, Commandante Antonio Luson Batlle; the Secretary-General of the Road Safety Commission, Mr. Oscar del Toro; the Director of Multilateral Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Pedro Nunez Mosquera, and representatives of the Ministry of the Interior.

5. MEETINGS IN ECUADOR - 15 JULY

Meetings were held with a number of leading national officials in Ecuador to discuss the road safety challenge in the country, including with the Mayor of Quito, Mr. Mauricio Rodas, the Director-General of the National Traffic Agency, Mr. Lorena Bravo, and the Vice-Minister of Transport. The setting up of a taskforce on road safety involving the national authorities, local UN agency and national Automobile Club of the country was discussed. Meetings were also held with the UN specialised agencies in Quito including the UNDP, UNICEF and WHO. The preparation of the HABITAT III Global UN Conference on 17 October 2016 in Quito could provide an opportunity to integrate road safety as a key priority, a proposal that was also put forward by UNESCO officials.

6. MEETINGS IN PERU - 16 JULY

Meetings were held with a number of leading national officials, including with the Minister of Transport and the Head of Road Safety Affairs in the National Parliament, Mr. Norman D. Lewis. Mr. Lewis made a commitment to the Special Envoy to convene, as soon as possible, the Special Panel of the Congress on Road Safety, which so far, had never met. At Lima City Hall, a meeting was held with the Deputy Mayor, Ms. Patricia Juarez Gallegos. Meetings were also held with the local UNDP and WHO offices.

MEETINGS WERE HELD WITH SEVERAL NATIONAL AND UN OFFICIALS IN ECUADOR, AMONG THEM RESIDENT COORDINATOR DIEGO ZORILLA.





7. MEETINGS IN COLOMBIA - 17 JULY

A meeting was held with the Vice-President of the Republic, German Vargas Lloras. He said that the government was setting up a National Road Safety Agency, and invited the Special Envoy to support the launch of this agency.

8. MEETING WITH MS. JEANNE PICARD MAHAUT, PRESIDENTA DE LA FEDERACIÓN IBEROAMERICANA DE LAS ASOCIACIONES DE VÍCTIMAS CONTRA LA VIOLENCIA VIAL - 20 JULY

A meeting was held with Ms. Mahaut, the Head of an Association representing NGOs across Latin America. She discussed opportunities for cooperation with the Special Envoy and planning for the Second Global High Level Conference on Road Safety to be held in Brasilia.

9. MEETING WITH IRF - 21 JULY

A meeting was held with the Vice-Chairman of the International Road Federation, Mr. Adnan Rahman, to discuss possible cooperation on research into road traffic crashes.

10. MEETING WITH UNECE AND MEMBER STATES - 22 JULY

A meeting with Member States of the UNECE Executive Committee was organised to discuss the work programme of the Special Envoy, and to answer questions raised. It was underlined that all activities of the Special Envoy must operate in accordance with the UN rules and standards relating to ethics. The UNECE Executive Committee has now approved, in principle, Phase I of the extra-budgetary funding for the establishment of the secretariat for the Special Envoy. A section of the UNECE website has also been set up to communicate information about the Special Envoy's work in a transparent manner.

A strategy meeting with UNECE staff was also held. Both meetings were attended by Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary and Under Secretary-General for UNECE.



MEETING WITH GERMAN VARGAS LLORAS, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA.

1. MEETINGS AND PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS IN MALAYSIA - 30 JULY TO 3 AUGUST

In Malaysia, the Special Envoy conducted meetings with the Minister of Transportation and encouraged the Government of Malaysia to adopt the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic as well as the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals. He also participated in the 128th session of the IOC opening ceremony.

Other meetings included:

- The UN country team:
 - Mr. Rick Towle (UNHCR)
 - Mr. Tony Capon (International Institute of Global Health)
 - Ms. Juanita Joseph (UN coordinator)
- The French Ambassador in Kuala Lumpur

2. MEETINGS IN MYANMAR - 4 AND 5 AUGUST

The Special Envoy met with Ms. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who expressed her willingness to participate in the Special Envoy's mission for road safety. The Special Envoy also met with the EU Ambassador in Yangon (His Excellency Roland Kokia) and Dr. Thant Myint-U. During his meetings in Myanmar, the Special Envoy again encouraged adoption of the UN Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals.

Other activities conducted by the Special Envoy while in Myanmar included meeting with the members of the Myanmar UN country team. This included:

- ILO – Mr. Steve Marshall (New Zealand)
- IOM – Mr. Kieran Gorman-Best (Australia)
- OCHA – Mr. Mark Cutts (UK)
- UNAIDS – Mr. Eamon Murphy (Australia)
- UNDP – Mr. Toily Kurbanov (Turkmenistan) Country Director
- UNESCO – Mr. Sardar Umar Alam (Pakistan)
- UNFPA – Ms. Janet Jackson (UK)
- UN-HABITAT – Mr. Bijay Karmacharya (Nepal)
- UNHCR – Mr. Guiseppe de Vincentiis (Italy)
- UNIC – Mr. Aye Win (Myanmar)
- WFP – Mr. Domenico Scalpelli (Australia)
- UNICEF – Mr. Bertrand Bainvel (France)
- UNOPS – Mr. Sanjay Mathur (India)
- WHO – Dr. Jorge M. Luna (Guatemala)
- UNODC – Mr. Jochen Wiese (Germany) Country Manager

The Special Envoy also met with the Regional Minister of Transportation for the Yangon region.

3. MEETINGS IN THAILAND - 6 AUGUST

During the meetings in Thailand, the Special Envoy emphasized the need for Thai authorities to improve enforcement of the international road safety legislation which has already been enacted in the country.

- The Special Envoy met with the following individuals from the Thai UN country team:
 - Dr. Duc Tran, Senior Resource Management Officer
 - Mr. Christopher Ankersen, Security Advisor for Thailand and Chief of Security
 - Ms. Maria Aurora Mendoza-Goudstikker, Assistant Regional Representative (HCR)
 - Mr. Bijaya Rajbhandari, UN Resident Coordinator, a.i. and Representative of UNICEF in Thailand
 - Mr. Kuttiparambil Beena, Chief, HIV/AIDS
 - Mr. Devanish Dutta, Youth & Adolescent Development Specialist
 - Ms. Pham Thanh Hang, Programme Officer (UNISDR)
 - Mr. Hirotaka Kawakami, Special Assistant to the UN Resident Coordinator (UNDP)
 - Dr. Richard Brown, Acting Representative to Thailand (WHO)
 - Ms. Sushera Bunluesin, National Professional officer, Emergency and Humanitarian Action (WHO)
 - Mr. Kritsiam Arayawongchai, National Professional Officer, Road Safety (WHO)

While in Thailand, the Special Envoy also met with the French Ambassador in Bangkok.

4. MEETING IN GENEVA WITH MR. CHRISTIAN FRIIS BACH AND UNECE - 24 AUGUST

The Special Envoy held a meeting with Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary of UNECE, to discuss the recent country visits in Asia and Africa; the establishment of the Special Envoy's secretariat; a proposed meeting with Ambassadors in Geneva and New York; the NGO consultations planned for 1 and 2 October; and the programme for the Second High Level Ministerial Conference in Brasilia.

5. MEETING IN GENEVA WITH MR. FERNANDO PIMENTEL, DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE PERMANENT MISSION OF BRAZIL TO THE UN - 24 AUGUST

In his meeting with representatives from the Mission of Brazil, the Special Envoy introduced his role and mission. Discussions were on the programme of the Brasilia Conference, as well as the draft declaration.



JEAN TODT AND DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI DURING THEIR MEETING IN MYANMAR.

6. MEETINGS IN NAIROBI - 25 AND 26 AUGUST

On the morning of 26 August, the Special Envoy met with the President of the Republic of Kenya, His Excellency Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, who outlined the road safety situation in Kenya and presented the measures implemented by the National Traffic Safety Authority. President Kenyatta offered to further collaborate with UN Agencies on the ground and to keep building on the momentum, which saw Kenya taking major steps toward the reduction of drinking and driving and the strengthening of law enforcement. In 2014, the country saw a 9,7 per cent reduction in fatal road crashes, compared to the previous year, with a total of 311 lives saved.

On 25 August, the Special Envoy met with key UN agency representatives in Nairobi: with Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), he discussed how UNEP could better integrate road safety within its country projects, noting that road crashes require a multifaceted approach to address the developmental and environmental issues streaming from poor infrastructure and congestion.

The Special Envoy also met with Mr. Aisa Kirabo Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director of UN Habitat, who detailed the need to include smarter and safer transportation within urban planning for developing countries. Goal 11 of the Sustainable Development Goals to be formally adopted next month underlines the importance of road safety as part of city planning. This will be on the agenda of the Second High Level Ministerial Conference on Road Safety (Brasilia, November 2015) and of the Habitat III Conference (Quito, 2016).

Finally, the Special Envoy met with Ms. Sahle Work-Zewde, Director-General of the United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON), to discuss what could be implemented to improve the safety of UN employees when at the wheel; UNON staff members and their families represent 15,000 people.

7. MEETINGS IN UGANDA - 26 AND 28 AUGUST

From a series of meetings with the Prime Minister and Ministers (Interior, Transport), UNCT and Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA), it appears a real concern exists among political figures, at all levels, to tackle road safety issues.

During the meeting with the Prime Minister and his office, it was agreed to set up a task force between the Minister of Interior, the Minister of Works and Transportation, and the Minister of Health in order to meet the goal of diminishing the road traffic related death toll by 50 per cent.

The Minister of Interior explained that currently, there is a lack of coordination within the government on road safety. The Minister for Transport was accompanied by four representatives (Licensing, Traffic, Infrastructure and the National Road Safety Council). It was noted that discussions are ongoing with UNECE with regard to ratification of the 1968 conventions concerning road safety. They informed the Special Envoy that a road safety week was planned for the end of the year. The need to improve law enforcement was also emphasized. Furthermore, the Special Envoy had detailed discussions with the Transport Minister and his team on adoption of the rules of the UNECE World Forum on vehicle regulations.

Other issues that were discussed included:

- A specific task force to improve post-crash care.
- The problem of the age of the car fleet in Uganda.
- Progress and the need for law enforcement, especially for 2-wheel vehicles (helmet and reflecting devices) and pedestrians (definition of a legal framework).
- The Transportation Minister will be present in Brasilia.
- Follow-up with the Special Envoy and the task force on road safety at the Presidential office.
- Relating to the Habitat III Conference, the Special Envoy will make contact with the Ministers he has met and with UNCT and KCCA in Uganda.

The Special Envoy also met with the following UN country team representatives while in Uganda:

- Coordinator of United Nations in Uganda / PNUD Resident Representative: represented by Ms. Michelle Iseminger
- OMS: Dr. Alemu Wondimagegnehu
- UNICEF: Ms. Aida Girma
- PNUD: Ms. Almaz Gebru
- FAO: Mr. Alhaji M. Jallow
- PAM: Mr. Michael Dunford



PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF KENYA
UHURU KENYATTA
DISCUSSING ROAD
SAFETY WITH THE
SPECIAL ENVOY.

1. ANWB TRAFFIC SAFETY DINNER - 2 SEPTEMBER

At a Traffic Safety Dinner organised by the Dutch Automobile Club ANWB, the Special Envoy was invited to give the keynote speech. The meeting brought together key members of the road safety community in the Netherlands.

2. MEETING WITH THE DELEGATION TO BRAZIL - 2 SEPTEMBER

A meeting was held between the WHO, UNECE and the Brazilian Delegation on planning for the Second Global High Level Ministerial Conference on Road Safety. This included discussion on the draft agenda, draft declaration, and other events linked to the conference. Eva Molnar, UNECE Director at the Sustainable Transport Division, participated in this meeting.

3. MEETING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE INSTITUTE - 3 & 6/7 SEPTEMBER

A meeting was held on 3 September with the President of the International Peace Institute, Terje Rød-Larsen, in Vienna to discuss opportunities for collaboration, for example through the setting up of events for Ambassadors with the Special Envoy in both New York and Geneva. A further meeting was held in Salzburg with the IPI on 7 September together with Ms. Rita Hauser, Chairman of the IPI Board of Directors.

4. EUROPEAN TRAFFIC EDUCATION CONTEST - 4 SEPTEMBER

The Special Envoy attended the 30th Annual European Traffic Education Contest, which took place in Vienna. The Contest brings together children from across Europe to learn about road safety and the rules of the road by accomplishing various theoretical and practical exercises. Over 600,000 children from across Europe entered the competition.



5. MEETING WITH MS. MARGARET CHAN FROM THE WHO - 21 SEPTEMBER

The Special Envoy met with WHO Director-General Margaret Chan to outline his priorities as Special Envoy, and discuss opportunities for further collaboration with the WHO. Planning for the Second Global High Level Conference on Road Safety in Brasilia was discussed. Also present at the meeting were Christian Friis Bach (Executive Secretary, UNECE), Oleg Chestnov (Assistant Director-General, Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, WHO) and Etienne Krug (Director, Department of Injuries and Violence Prevention, WHO).

6. MEETING WITH UNECE - 23 SEPTEMBER

A coordination meeting with the UNECE secretariat was held to discuss progress towards establishing the Special Envoy's Secretariat, preparations for the setting-up of a UN Fund for Road Safety, and planning for up-coming meetings, including the NGO consultation meeting on 1 October.

7. MEETING WITH MR. ELHADJ AS SY, SECRETARY-GENERAL, IFRC - 24 SEPTEMBER

The Special Envoy met with the Secretary-General of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Elhadj As Sy, to outline his priorities for the role and Action Plan. Further cooperation with the Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP) was also discussed and he has accepted to join the High Level Panel for Road Safety.

8. FEVR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 26 SEPTEMBER

On Saturday, 26 September, the Special Envoy travelled to Brussels to meet with the board members of the European Federation of Road Traffic Victims (FEVR) which is composed of approximately 25 road safety NGOs from across Europe. The meeting proved to be positive and constructive exchange of views for both parties. Discussion focussed on the responsibilities of the Special Envoy, the key concerns of victims groups, and preparations for the World Day of Remembrance on 15 November 2015.



1. MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION ON ROAD SAFETY - 1 OCTOBER

The Special Envoy and representatives of civil society met to exchange views and ideas regarding the Action Plan of the Special Envoy. The meeting was an opportunity to clarify objectives, develop working methods and provide an open and transparent forum for multi-stakeholder engagement.

The Special Envoy outlined his Action Plan which is based on four pillars, and addressed specific concerns of some parties regarding conflict of interest issues and the proposed setting up of a UN Global Fund for Road Safety. Building a platform for joint collaboration between the Special Envoy and NGO community was also discussed. It was agreed that the Special Envoy would notify NGOs in advance of country trips in order to facilitate this goal. A summary outcome document of key conclusions is available on the Special Envoy's webpages.

2. UNECE WP1 GROUP ON ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY - 5 OCTOBER

The Special Envoy addressed the UNECE WP1 group on Road Traffic Safety. This was an opportunity to present his Action Plan for the year ahead, a key part of which is to advocate and raise awareness about the United Nations road safety legal instruments.

3. ITS WORLD CONGRESS - 7 OCTOBER

The Special Envoy participated in the UNECE session on 'Sustainable Mobility and the Mitigation of Climate Change'. He emphasised the importance of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) in promoting cleaner and safer transport systems. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary of UNECE, also attended.

4. MEETING WITH WHO ROAD SAFETY TEAM - 8 OCTOBER

In his meeting with the WHO Road Safety Team, headed by Etienne Krug, Director of Department of Injuries & Violence Prevention at WHO, the Special Envoy discussed the upcoming Ministerial Conference on Road Safety in Brasilia, as well as his work programme for the year ahead. Further issues under discussion were focussed on increasing cooperation for the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims on 15 November. The Executive Secretary of UNECE Christian Friis Bach also attended.

5. MEETING WITH MS. VIOLETA BULC, EUROPEAN COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT - 12 OCTOBER

The Special Envoy met with the European Commissioner for Transport Violeta Bulc. Topics under discussion included the setting of a serious road injury target by the European Union. Other road safety issues discussed included the deployment of new vehicle safety technologies, and the latest road traffic trends in the EU.

6. MEETING WITH BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, HIS EXCELLENCY MR. PAULO C. DE OLIVEIRA CAMPOS - 23 OCTOBER

The Special Envoy met with the Brazilian Ambassador to France to discuss planning for the Second High Level Ministerial Conference on Road Safety which will take place on 18-19 November 2015. The Conference will review progress made over the past five years of the UN Decade of Action, while discussing actions that need to take place through 2020 and beyond. Representatives from more than 100 countries are expected to attend including government ministers, city mayors, senior officials from international institutions, representatives of civil society, and business leaders.

7. FIA-IDB FORUM ON ROAD SAFETY - 29 OCTOBER

The Special Envoy participated in the annual FIA-IDB 'Kids First' road safety forum in Mexico. The forum brings together stakeholders to identify solutions and share best practice for the region's road safety issues. During his speech, the Special Envoy emphasised the need to address child road safety as a major priority.

The forum was attended by numerous road safety actors from Mexico and the Latin American region. This included Luis Alberto Moreno, President of the Inter-American Development Bank, Carlos Slim Domit, President of Grupo Carso, President of Escuderia Telmex-Telcel, Jose Abed, President of Automobile Club OMDAI, Fernando Martínez Badillo, Under Secretary Traffic Management for the Secretary of Public Safety of the Federal District of Mexico, and Yuriria Mascott Pérez, Under Secretary for Transport of the Federal Government of Mexico.



NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

1. MEETING WITH MS. KELLY LARSON, PROGRAMME DIRECTOR FOR ROAD SAFETY AT BLOOMBERG PHILANTHROPIES - 6 NOVEMBER

Ms. Larson introduced the Special Envoy to the activities of Bloomberg Philanthropies in the field of road safety and the RS10 project. Discussions were also held on preparations for Brasilia, where Bloomberg Philanthropies representatives participated in panel discussions.

2. MEETING WITH MR. OLIVIER ZEHNDER, DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SWITZERLAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS - 6 NOVEMBER

Discussion was held on potential collaboration on road safety to be established together with Switzerland.

3. MEETING WITH MR. THOMAS CHAN, HEAD OF TRANSPORT OFFICE/ROAD SAFETY FOR NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT - 9 NOVEMBER

Discussion centred on New York City's 'Vision Zero' road safety policy with Thomas Chan from the City's Transport Office. The goal of this initiative is to improve street safety in every neighbourhood and in every borough of the city.

4. MEETING WITH THE U.S. MISSION PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, HER EXCELLENCY MS. SARAH MENDELSON - 10 NOVEMBER

The meeting was an opportunity to discuss the latest road safety trends in the United States, as well as preparations for the Second High-Level Global Conference on Road Safety held in Brasilia.

5. MEETING WITH MS. GEETA RAO GUPTA, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UNICEF - 10 NOVEMBER

Discussion held on the on-going cooperation with UNICEF to promote the #SaveKidsLives campaign and children's safety on the world's roads.

6. MEETING WITH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCE TO THE UN, HIS EXCELLENCY MR. FRANÇOIS DELATTRE - 11 NOVEMBER

Discussions were held on the organization of the Ministerial Conference in Brasilia on road safety, as well as the building of new momentum to meet the Sustainable Development Goal road safety targets for the post-2015 era through UN events, possibly held in New York with the support of France, in 2016.

7. LAUNCH OF THE FIA HIGH LEVEL PANEL FOR ROAD SAFETY WITH UN SECRETARY-GENERAL BAN KI-MOON - 11 NOVEMBER

Together with the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the Special Envoy participated in the launch of the FIA High Level Panel for Road Safety. The initiative brings together leaders from the global business community, international institutions and non-governmental organisations, to create and implement innovative solutions to road safety's most pressing challenges. The Panel will explore new fundraising activities for road safety and support the establishment of a UN Global Fund for Road Safety.

8. MEETING WITH MR. LUIS ALBERTO MORENO, PRESIDENT, IDB - 12 NOVEMBER

A meeting was held with the President of the IDB, Mr. Luis Alberto Moreno, to discuss the raising of new funds for road safety projects around the world, and cooperation with Multi-lateral Development Banks.

9. MEETING WITH MS. ANDREA PFANZELTER, SENIOR DIRECTOR, IPI - 12 NOVEMBER

A meeting was held with Ms. Andrea Pfanzelter, where the Special Envoy was presented the activities of the IPI and discussed the opportunities for joint cooperation on road safety.

10. MEETING WITH MR. MICHAEL O'NEIL, DIRECTOR AND MS. MILA ROSENTHAL, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, UNDP - 12 NOVEMBER

Together with Ms. Michelle Yeoh, the Special Envoy was invited to attend a meeting at the UNDP to discuss opportunities to raise more visibility on issues concerning road safety linked to the work of UNDP.

11. WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF TRAFFIC VICTIMS - 15 NOVEMBER

The Special Envoy attended a moment of silence which was observed during the Brazilian Formula 1 Grand Prix in memory of road traffic victims and the 20th World Day of Remembrance of road traffic victims – an initiative created by the European Federation of Road Traffic Victims (FEVR) and adopted by the United Nations in 2005.



UN SECRETARY-GENERAL BAN KI-MOON ATTENDED THE LAUNCH OF THE FIA HIGH LEVEL PANEL ON ROAD SAFETY IN NEW YORK ON NOVEMBER 11.

12. ATTENDANCE AT 2ND GLOBAL HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE ON ROAD SAFETY IN BRASILIA - 17-19 NOVEMBER

The Special Envoy was invited to speak at the conference, and related side-events, which brought together approximately 70 ministerial-level government delegations. The event was organised by the Brazilian government together with the WHO. A declaration was adopted which aims to reaffirm the path set for the UN Decade of Action 2011-2020.

Special Envoy Participation

Main Conference:

- Speaking at Ministerial Plenary Session – opening statements
- Speaking at Plenary Session on Key achievements in the Decade of Action
- Speaking at Panel Session on Financing for Road Safety

Side-Events:

- Speaking at UNECE/France event on the UN Road Safety Conventions
- Speaking at 'Transforming our world: NGO for safer roads'
- Attendance at launch of the 'Stop the Crash Partnership'
- Speaking at 'Closing Ceremony of the IVth Annual Meeting of Ibero-American Data Coordinators of the OISEVI'
- Attendance at 'Prince Michael International Road Safety Awards' dinner
- Speaking at FEVR 'Justice for Victims' event

A number of bi-lateral meetings were held, including with:

- Mr. Gilberto Kassab, Brazilian Minister of Cities
- Meeting with the United Nations Country Team in Brasilia and the representatives of the UN Regional Commissions and several UN specialised agencies
- Dr. Rosekind, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety, USA
- Several transport ministers from Africa, Asia and Latin-America
- Representatives from Handicap International (NGO)
- M. Laurent Bili, French Ambassador to Brazil

Co-hosting the booth/exhibition of UNECE – UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety:

- Show-casing UN Road Safety Conventions
- Putting special emphasis on helmet standards in light of the fast growth of motor-cycle accidents in developing countries

13. MEETING WITH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SWITZERLAND TO THE UNOG, HIS EXCELLENCY MR. ALEXANDRE FASEL – 10 DECEMBER

A meeting was held to discuss Switzerland's activities to promote global road safety and cooperation with the Special Envoy.

14. MEETING WITH MR. MILAN BANDIC, MAYOR OF ZAGREB – 12 DECEMBER

Discussion was centred on the implementation of Vision Zero Casualties in Croatia. The goal of the initiative is to improve road culture in Croatia, education for responsible traffic behaviour and providing support to families of road victims.

15. MEETING WITH MS. ZEINA KASSEM, PRESIDENT, ROADS FOR LIFE NGO – 14 DECEMBER

A meeting was held with Ms. Zeina Kassem to discuss the activities of the Roads for Life NGO and to explore potential collaboration with the Special Envoy on post-crash care in Lebanon, and a possibility to expand it to a regional level.

16. MEETING WITH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCE TO THE OECD, HIS EXCELLENCY MR. PIERRE DUQUESNE – 18 DECEMBER

A meeting was held to discuss potential synergies with OECD on Road Safety. Also under discussion was the role of the Special Envoy and the support that could be brought by France in terms of regional and European cooperation.



THE 2ND GLOBAL HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON ROAD SAFETY WAS HELD IN BRASILIA ON NOVEMBER 18 – 19.

UN AGENCIES VISITED

- **United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG)** – The Special Envoy held numerous meetings with Michael Møller (Director-General). The most recent was on 7 June, 2015.
- **United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)** – The Special Envoy held numerous meetings with Christian Friis Bach (Executive Secretary).
- **World Health Organisation (WHO)** – The Special Envoy held numerous meetings with Margaret Chan (Director-General). The most recent was on 21 September, 2015.
- **United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)** – The Special Envoy met Antonio Guterres (High Commissioner) on 10 June, 2015.
- **Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)** – The Special Envoy held numerous meetings with representatives from UNAIDS.
- **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** – The Special Envoy held a meeting with Helen Clark on 29 April, 2015. The Special Envoy also met with as Gina Casar (Associate Administrator), Rosita Todorova (UNDP Policy Specialist) and Douglas Webb (UNDP Cluster Leader) on 4 May to discuss the development of UNDP's road safety programme with the WHO.
- **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)** - A meeting was held with Anthony Lake (Executive Director) and Ted Chaiban (Director Programme Division) on 4 May, 2015.
- **World Bank Group** - Meetings were held with Bertrand Badré (Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer) and Pierre Guislan (Senior Director, Transport and ICT GP).
- **The United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)** - A meeting has been requested with Mr. Li Yong (Director-General).
- **The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)** – The Special Envoy met with Irina Bokova (Director-General) on 29 April, and held another meeting in May.
- **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** – The Special Envoy met with Achim Steiner (Executive Director) on 28 August.
- **United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)** – The Special Envoy met Joan Clos (Executive Director) on 29 April, 2015. The Special Envoy also met with Aisa Kirabo Kacyira (Deputy Executive Director of UN Habitat) and Andrew Dzikus (Coordinator, Urban Basic Services Branch).