Road safety
United Nations Secretary-General
Mr. Ban Ki-moon
committed to driving by the rules

http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=36993
In 2012, ITC adopted the UNECE Plan for the Implementation of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety (ECE/TRANS/2012/4 and Corrs. 1 and 2)

The UNECE Plan aligned with the United Nations Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety

ECE/TRANS/2015/13: a progress report on the implementation of the road safety goals at UNECE until 2014
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United Nations overall goal for the decade (2011–2020):
To stabilize and reduce the forecast level of road traffic fatalities around the world by 2020

UNECE goals for the decade (2011–2020):
To ensure the widest possible geographical coverage of United Nations road safety legal instruments;
To assist countries in the UNECE region and beyond in implementing the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety; and
To make progress in stabilizing and reducing road traffic fatalities in the UNECE region and beyond

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<td>Road Traffic Casualty Reduction Targets</td>
<td>Lead the global project of the UN Regional Commissions on “Improving Global Road Safety Setting Regional and National Road Traffic Casualty Reduction Targets” (funded by United Nations Development Account (UNDA)) Published the global report.</td>
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<td>Project completed and global report published.</td>
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<td>UNECE involvement in setting regional and national goals and targets in United Nations Special Programme for the Economies</td>
<td>Will monitor progress of meeting national goals and targets.</td>
<td>SPECA Programme Working Group (PWG) on Transport Border Crossings (TBC)</td>
<td>2011–2016</td>
<td>Number of regional and national targets met; establishment of a national level road accident</td>
<td>One of seven SPECA countries has defined national road safety goals, four of seven countries have published road safety data.</td>
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ITC is invited to discuss and comment on ECE/TRANS/2015/13
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- UN Decade of Action for Road Safety: 2011-2020

- Mid-term review of the UN Decade at the high level, global conference in Brasilia, Brazil on 18-19 November 2015

- Preparation of a publication by the secretariat – based on ECE/TRANS/2015/13 - to include challenges and achievements in implementing the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety

- ITC is invited to request its preparation
• Third UN Global Road Safety Week: 4–10 May 2015
• Theme: «improving the safety of children in traffic»
• Mandated by the General Assembly resolution in April 2014
• ITC is invited to exchange information on the national plans for the UN Week

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Work and achievements of two Groups of Experts on:

- Road Signs and Signals
- Improving Safety at Level Crossings
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Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals

Met three times in 2014-2015; two more sessions scheduled in 2015

Progress to-date-date:

• Road signs management system developed
• Web-based application to collect and analyze signs
• 27 national contributions (of 63 CPs)
• Many road signs modified
• Some CPs use 100 signs which are not part of the 1968 Convention (more than one-third)
• Analysis will continue

http://www.unece.org/trans/roadsafe/eg_road_signs_signals_03.html
Group of Experts on Improving Safety at Level Crossings

Met three times in 2014, and met last month for its 4th session; two more sessions scheduled in 2015

Solid progress overall:

- economic costs of level crossing accidents
- recommended indicators of safety performance
- good practices including education, national legislation and/or legal arrangements at level crossings
- the effectiveness of enforcement on user behaviour

Objective:
- development of a road/rail interface strategy with recommendations

http://www.unece.org/trans/roadsafe/eg_level_crossings_04.html
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Saving Lives at Level Crossings: film

A film produced by the UNECE Transport Division in partnership with:

- Federal Office of Transport of the Swiss Confederation
- International Union of Railways

Available at the UNECE website

http://www.unece.org/trans/roadsafe/lx_film.html
Jean-Claude Schneuwly

UNECE - Transport Division

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- ITC’s request from the 2014 session to organize a “Road Safety Treaty Day”
- The UNECE Transport Division, UN Office of Legal Affairs, Regional Commissions New York Office and International Road Transport Union
- Held on 5 June 2014 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City

http://www.unece.org/trans/roadsafe/treaty_day_2014.html
A regional road safety capacity-building workshop on 15–16 October 2014 in Belgrade

Organized with the Government Serbia (Ministry of Construction, Traffic and Infrastructure and Road Traffic Safety Agency) and Regional Cooperation Council

Co-financed by Global Road Safety Facility

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A two-day capacity-building road safety workshop on 12–13 November 2014 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Focused on increasing the awareness of government officials in (English speaking) Africa about:
• UN road safety legal instruments
• effective approaches to preventing drink driving

Organized with the International Center for Alcohol Policies (ICAP) and hosted by the UN Economic Commission for Africa

http://www.unece.org/trans/roadsafe/ece-eca-icap.html
A two-day capacity-building road safety workshop on 12–13 November 2014 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

- An ECE-ECA-IARD e-book is being prepared
- To be officially launched at lunch time during the first day of WP.1
- Join us at 12.30 on 23 March 2015 in Restaurant des Délégués, Palais des Nations (8th floor)
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- Another road safety workshop planned for 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

- Aimed at government officials in (French speaking) Africa; to be organized with ICAP (now IARD) and hosted by UNECA

- Partnering with IARD to combat drinking and driving consistent with Guidelines on cooperation between the UN and the business sector; and Global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol

http://www.unece.org/trans/roadsafe/ece-eca-icap.html
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SafeFITS – Safe Future Inland Transport Systems

• A road safety extension of ForFITS

• A model to allow governments to assess and select suitable measures to improve road safety

• An extra-budgetary project; financed by the International Road Transport Union

• Currently in its first phase: literature review being undertaken
A project to “Strengthen the national road safety management system capacities of selected developing countries and countries in transition”

- A UNDA project
- Three regional commissions: UNECE, ECLAC and ESCAP
- Road safety performance reviews and enhancing national capacities in critical areas
- Currently in the approval phase
In response to an ITC’s request at the last session:

“The Committee also requested its subsidiary bodies to analyse the relevance of older Conventions that are still not in force.” (para 35, ECE/TRANS/240)

The secretariat informs the Committee:

There are no “old conventions that are still not in force” under WP.1 responsibility
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European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)

Group of Experts on the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) completed its term in October 2014

AETR EG submitted a report to its parent body (SC.1)

SC.1 has adopted the final report of the AETR Group of Experts (ECE/TRANS/2015/14)

• work and accomplishments
• recommendation to extend the mandate of the AETR Group of Experts until June 2017
Guidelines for the establishment and functioning of teams of specialists within UNECE (ECE/EX/2/Rev.1)

The Committee is invited to evaluate ECE/TRANS/2015/14

The Committee is invited to decide whether the AETR Group of Experts should be recommended for extension in order to continue its work
European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)

- AETR – a «European Agreement»
- An important proposal to amend Article 14 of the AETR Agreement to make Algeria, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia eligible to accede
- Communicated by the Governments of Turkey and Ukraine
- Depositary notification already issued by the SG
A special SC.1 session (27-29 April 2015, Geneva)

- AETR issues: 27 April 2015
- OmniBUS Agreement: 28-29 April 2015
• Memorandum of Understanding between the UNECE and European Commission services

• MOU recognizes the Joint Research Centre as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-EU AETR Contracting Parties

• Expires in mid-2015

• A draft proposing MOU extension to be tabled by the EC services on 27 April
• A proposal by the Government of Switzerland to develop a global multilateral agreement on the international regular transport of passengers by coach and bus (OmniBus)

• Intention to complete the discussion on the draft text on 28-29 April
An amendment proposal by the Government of Germany

Incorporates selected “e-mobility” issues into the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)

Submitted to the UN SG; depositary notification pending
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The secretariat informs the Committee:

• “Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Road (CVR) of 5 July 1978”

• “General Agreement on Economic Regulations for International Road Transport of 17 March 1954”

have yet to enter into force