

## ITF PRESIDENCY STATEMENT ON A ROAD SAFETY ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK, 2024

1. Recognising the crucial importance of road safety for the well-being of our citizens and the sustainable development of our societies, and taking into account that road traffic crashes claim approximately 1.19 million lives worldwide each year, most of them occur in low- and middle-income countries, Lithuania, in its capacity as ITF Presidency, seeks to highlight the importance of identifying a robust assessment framework for road safety, and suggest steps that the international community, and ITF member countries in particular, might employ in addressing this grave concern.
2. The Presidency recalls the relevant policy documents to this end, and highlights that the majority of road traffic deaths occur among individuals of working age, and that many of these fatalities are linked to work-related activities.
3. Emphasising the need for private sector engagement and acknowledging the significant role businesses and industries play in achieving road safety-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Presidency deems it essential to call on and invite the private sector to apply the Safe System principle across their value chains, as outlined in the Stockholm Declaration<sup>1</sup> and the UN General Assembly Resolution.<sup>2</sup>
4. Recognising the value of performance measurement as a means of promoting road safety, the Presidency encourages the development of a Road Safety Assessment Framework to standardise and incentive road safety practices within the corporate value chain. This framework could be incorporated into corporate social responsibility (CSR) and social finance practices to guide and steer investments towards safer road infrastructure and practices as well as improve road safety outcome.

The goals of this endeavor inter alia, include:

- Developing tools for measuring road safety performance and implementing improvement plans.
- Harmonisation and adoption of standards: Encouraging the adoption of harmonised road safety-oriented industry standards, such as ISO 39001.
- Attracting social finance to road safety initiatives through the development of specific investment criteria.

5. The Presidency would suggest that the Road Safety Assessment Framework be presented and discussed at the next Ministerial Conference on Road Safety to be held in Morocco in 2025; it would also encourage the ITF and WHO Secretariats to provide an update to ITF member countries at the 2025 ITF Summit.

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<sup>1</sup> Stockholm Declaration (Third Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety, 2020)

<sup>2</sup> UNGA Resolution A/74/299.

6. The Presidency encourages public and private corporations to include road safety outcomes as part of their overall sustainability reporting. Transparent and data-driven performance measures will help guide resources and investments towards better road safety.

7. The Presidency would encourage greater collaboration between transport and other sectors – including health, which is impacted by and which impacts transport and transport policies in order to ensure greater synergies and optimise the co-benefits of their policies on road safety, active mobility, and climate change.

Moving towards the mid-term of the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030, also seizing the opportunity the ITF Summit offers to catalyse support and drive forward initiatives that will significantly improve road safety worldwide, the Presidency emphasises that it is timely and pertinent that impartial, transparent, and data-driven mechanisms enabling effective action in this area are further discussed and established.

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