

Ukrainian Charter Road Safety

In May 2011, Ukraine formally joined the General Assembly of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020, whose main objective is to stabilize and to reduce the projected level of fatalities in road accidents by increased activities at the national, regional and global levels.



Mechanisms and tools to achieve this goal were laid in terms of the implementation of the Global Decade of Action for Road Safety, which, particularly for low and middle-income countries, the specific recommendations and measures were developed for the effective solving of Road Safety problems (1).

Unfortunately, Ukraine has not taken these recommendations and in 4.5 years has not achieved the significant progress on any of the areas of the Global Decade of Action Plan implementation. As a result, during this time on Ukrainian roads at least 25,000 people were killed and more than 175,000 were injured and became disabled, and economic loss from the many accidents has amounted to about \$ 20 billion.

Today, on the level of deaths in road accidents Ukraine ranks the 5th place among European countries (after Russia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Belarus and Moldova) and one of the first places by level of pedestrians' deaths and injuries. One reason for this situation is the lack in Ukraine of an effective and purposeful policy on road safety that would be focused on a multisectoral partnership of public and private organizations, including international ones. So now, basing on the recommendations of the Global Implementation Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020 (2), General Assembly resolution 68/269 "Improving road safety worldwide", approved on April 14, 2014 (3), recommendations of Brazil Declaration adopted at Second high-level global conference on road safety held on 18-19 November 2015 (4), we declare such partnership creation in Ukraine and filling it with new content.

The main mechanism for this partnership implementing will be the Ukrainian National Platform for road safety, which on the basis of goodwill can join public bodies and local authorities, civil society institutions, insurance campaigns and socially responsible business, general and scientific institutions, the media and others stakeholders who are ready by actions and concrete measures to make a contribution to road safety and to reduce the number of victims of road accidents and save human lives. *

¹<http://www.un.org/ru/roadsafety>.

²http://www.who.int/roadsafety/decade_of_action/plan/russian.pdf

³<http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N13/455/61/PDF/N1345561.pdf?OpenElement>

⁴http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/road_traffic/Final_Draft_Brasilia_declaration_RUS.pdf?ua=1

The main purpose of this Charter and the Ukrainian National Platform for road safety capacity** is an association of public and private organizations, including international ones, for the developing of integrated approaches to solving of road safety issues which will cut till 2020 in Ukraine the number of dead and injured people in road accidents by 50 percent (as compared to 2014) and to save the lives of at least 2500 people. Particular attention we will pay to security and protection of vulnerable road users, including children and young people, who have not to suffer and to die because of road accidents.

We realize that it is too ambitious and difficult for an achievement goal, but it is consistent with the interests of the Ukrainian state and the Ukrainian society who have chosen European integration vector of the development. In connection with this we appeal personally to the President of Ukraine and Prime Minister of Ukraine, members of the Government and national deputies of Ukraine, deputies of local councils and opinion leaders, religious leaders and journalists to support this initiative and to contribute to its implementation at national regional and local levels. Only together we can overcome the epidemic of road traffic injuries and to prove once again to the world that Ukraine - a civilized state.

In the short term priority of the Ukrainian National Platform for road safety will be the development and the adoption of the package of laws on road traffic and its safety, the reforming of the state system of road safety and the creation of this system leading state institution which will have adequate powers and financial resources to solve urgent problems of road safety.

Within short time the Platform should also ensure the development of a national strategy to improve road safety in Ukraine, state, regional and local programs in this area and to identify mechanisms for their financing.

To solve these and other problems, Ukrainian National Platform for road safety will make full use of the best world and, above all, the European experience, which has already proved its effectiveness and has contributed significantly improvement of safety, comfort and culture of the road movement.

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*** Each organization or person who signed this Charter, adds to it its commitment to the improvement of safety, comfort and traffic culture in Ukraine (in any form).**

**** Regulation on Ukrainian National Platform for road safety available on the website www.tur.org.ua**