

# GLOBAL ALLIANCE OF NGOS FOR ROAD SAFETY SAN SALVADOR NGO DECLARATION

## RATIONALE

Each year, the world suffers 1.3 million preventable deaths and an estimated 50 million injuries from road crashes<sup>1</sup>. Without serious action, road crashes will cause an estimated 13–17 million more deaths and 500 million more injuries in the current decade<sup>2</sup>.

UN Member States have adopted a resolution 74/299 Improving Global Road Safety<sup>3</sup> and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (target 3.6)<sup>4</sup> and are therefore mandated to reduce road deaths and injuries by 50% by 2030. We know what works to achieve this target: the actions needed are set out in the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030<sup>5</sup>.

*Every person must be guaranteed safe, affordable, accessible, sustainable mobility. It ensures access to education, work, and the choices that enable any individual to achieve their maximum potential, leaving no one behind. This is fundamental to creating a thriving society.*

*Safe mobility is our right.*

## OUR CALL TO ACTION:

We call on our governments to act for people's right to safe mobility and a 50% reduction in road deaths and injuries by 2030.

We demand:

**1 EVIDENCE-BASED ACTIONS:** prioritize interventions that have been proven to save lives and reduce injuries, starting with 30 km/h limits or lower where people walk, cycle, live, and play; lower speed limits; pedestrian facilities; traffic calming; and comprehensive motorcycle helmet laws backed up with enforcement and promotion; and incorporating other evidence-based interventions identified at local and regional levels.

**2 TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE INVESTMENT TO MAKE MOBILITY SAFE:** demonstrate accountability through specific funding allocation that incorporates safety in its core and includes implementation of life and injury-saving

interventions listed above, based on evidence and impact, and through transparent public reporting that includes sources of funding and specific amounts.

- 3 NGO INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES:** work with NGOs and communities, enabling an environment where civil society and government can work together effectively, so that evidence-based road safety decisions that save lives and injuries are made at every level of government.

## OUR ROLE AND COMMITMENT

We, as civil society, have a role defined in the Global Plan. We commit to play our part in advocating for and enabling people's rights to safe mobility and achieve a 50% reduction in road deaths and injuries by 2030.

We commit to:

**1. Stand up for people's right to be safe on the roads**

We empower people and communities. We show the reality of the roads they use and highlight the experiences of road victims and their loved ones who have been affected by crashes. We speak up on decisions that affect road safety.

**2. Use data and evidence to show what needs to be done**

We amplify data, evidence, and best practices from around the world and we collect ground-level data and evidence that shows the impact of safe and unsafe roads on people and communities.

**3. Hold our governments accountable for people's right to be safe on the road and for the 2030 target**

We keep road safety on the agenda until every person is guaranteed — through commitment and action — their right to safe mobility. We monitor progress and put a spotlight on action and inaction.

<sup>1</sup> WHO. (2018). *Global Status Report on Road Safety 2018*. Geneva: World Health Organization. <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241565684>.

<sup>2</sup> WHO & UN Regional Commissions. (2021). *Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030*. <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/global-plan-for-the-decade-of-action-for-road-safety-2021-2030>; Job, RFS. (2019). *Development of a Safe System Approach*, Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting, 13 January 2019, Washington DC.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations General Assembly. (2020). *Resolution A/74/L86 Improving Global Road Safety*. <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N20/226/30/PDF/N2022630.pdf?OpenElement>

<sup>4</sup> United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. (2015). *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

<sup>5</sup> WHO & UN Regional Commissions. (2021). *Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030*. <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/global-plan-for-the-decade-of-action-for-road-safety-2021-2030>