

9 July 2015

Dear Mr. Friis Bach and Mr. Todt,

In response to letters that were sent to several individual NGOs—particularly letter ECE/TRAN/SERS/2015—as well as subsequent phone calls and emails, we thank you very much for the outline of your immediate priorities, including your appeal for feedback from us. It seems that your priorities are very much in line with ours.

Please allow us to note the constructive and positive tone of your communications. This is a necessary and welcome precursor to constructive dialogue, and we appreciate it.

We encourage Mr. Todt's efforts to push for a road safety target in the proposed United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The Alliance and our member NGOs have been working on exactly this issue for more than a year, and will continue to do so. Hopefully all of our collective efforts will result in a positive outcome in September.

Similarly, the Alliance and our member NGOs have been working on activities for the Second Global High-Level Conference on Road Safety to be held in Brasilia in November. We anticipate that this conference will be a great success and produce sustainable, tangible targets and results.

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) representatives have mentioned a potential "stakeholder meeting" (as it has been called), to be held in October in Geneva. For such a meeting to be productive, we would suggest that specifics about the following be circulated as soon as possible:

1. Further details about the Special Envoy's proposed activities
2. The nature and composition of any panels that will be assembled under the Special Envoy's direction
3. Governance and leadership details of any potential UN Road Safety Fund
4. Details about the extra-budgetary funding (sources and amounts) that is being envisioned to be obtained by the Special Envoy for secretariat support

Details about points 3 and 4 are particularly important, as it is critical that there be no conflicts of interest. For instance, funds from the potential UN Road Safety Fund cannot go to FIA clubs. To avoid any misunderstanding, it is vital that the governance and leadership of any fund be completely independent and broadly representative of the road safety community.

We suggest that the experts who manage the UN Road Safety Fund have total independence to grant as they see fit, even if those grants run counter to the fund donors' commercial interests. And all work must take place within scrupulously transparent governance rules.

We further suggest that, until details about the above points are circulated, scheduling a stakeholder meeting would be premature.



We look forward to continuing this dialogue in a spirit of productivity and positivity as we work together to save lives on the world's roads.

Yours sincerely,

The Board of Directors of the Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety