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### United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport 2026–2035

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions [69/213](#) of 19 December 2014, [70/197](#) of 22 December 2015, [72/212](#) of 20 December 2017, [75/313](#) of 20 July 2021, [77/286](#) of 16 May 2023 and [78/148](#) of 19 December 2023 on sustainable transport,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolutions [1980/67](#) of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries and [1989/84](#) of 24 May 1989 on guidelines for international decades in economic and social fields and General Assembly resolutions [53/199](#) of 15 December 1998 and [61/185](#) of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years,

*Reaffirming* the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,<sup>1</sup> the Sevilla Commitment,<sup>2</sup> the Awaza Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2024–2034,<sup>3</sup> the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries,<sup>4</sup> the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States,<sup>5</sup> the Paris Agreement,<sup>6</sup> the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030<sup>7</sup> and the New Urban Agenda,<sup>8</sup>

*Recalling* the first United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference, held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, on 26 and 27 November 2016, and the second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference, held in Beijing, China, from 14 to 16 October 2021,

*Recognizing* the important role of sustainable, safe, accessible and affordable transport systems for all in advancing economic growth, facilitating trade, supporting

<sup>1</sup> Resolution [70/1](#).

<sup>2</sup> Resolution [69/323](#), annex.

<sup>3</sup> Resolution [79/233](#), annex; see also resolution [79/279](#).

<sup>4</sup> Resolution [76/258](#), annex.

<sup>5</sup> Resolution [78/317](#), annex.

<sup>6</sup> Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.

<sup>7</sup> Resolution [69/283](#), annex II.

<sup>8</sup> Resolution [71/256](#), annex.



regional integration, enhancing social welfare, ensuring road safety and combating climate change,

*Stressing* the importance of a shared vision for transforming global transport systems by mid-century to be people- and planet-centred, inclusive, resilient and low-emission,

1. *Recalls* the proclamation, in its resolution [78/148](#), within existing structures and available resources, of the period 2026–2035 as the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport, to be officially launched at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 10 December 2025, with the theme “Advancing the Ashgabat Process: embarking on a decade-long global journey for sustainable transport”;

2. *Invites* the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat to lead and facilitate the implementation and observance of the Decade, in collaboration with the United Nations regional economic commissions, other relevant organizations of the United Nations system as well as other stakeholders, identifying and developing activities and programmes within their mandates and using voluntary contributions;

3. *Notes* the results of the high-level meeting on sustainable transport convened by the President of the General Assembly on 17 April 2024, during the United Nations Sustainability Week, as well as the multi-stakeholder consultations conducted in 2024 and 2025, which provided political momentum and comprehensive inputs toward shaping the implementation plan for the Decade;

4. *Decides* that the purpose of the Decade shall be to accelerate collective action towards sustainable, inclusive, accessible, safe, low-carbon and resilient transport systems worldwide, in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and beyond;

5. *Recognizes* the growing role of artificial intelligence and other emerging digital technologies in transforming transport systems worldwide, enhancing safety, accessibility, efficiency and environmental sustainability, and acknowledging the importance of ensuring their safe, secure, trustworthy and human-centred use in support of the implementation of the Decade;

6. *Invites* Member States to join and participate in the Group of Friends of Sustainable Transport, an informal group established at the initiative of Turkmenistan in July 2022 and operating on the basis of the final declaration of its first ministerial meeting,<sup>9</sup> as a platform to foster broad multilateral dialogue and cooperation on promoting safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, and notes its role in supporting the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Decade;

### **Implementation plan**

7. *Recalls* that, in its resolution [78/148](#), it requested the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the United Nations regional economic commissions, within their respective mandates, to prepare an implementation plan for the Decade in consultation with Member States, specialized agencies, funds, programmes and bodies of the United Nations, as well as other intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and relevant stakeholders;

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<sup>9</sup> [A/78/881](#), annex.

8. *Takes note with appreciation* of the draft implementation plan of the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport 2026–2035, developed by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in collaboration with the United Nations regional commissions through an extensive consultative process conducted in 2024 and 2025;

9. *Welcomes* the launch of the implementation plan at United Nations Headquarters on 10 December 2025, to mark the start of the Decade, and invites Member States and all stakeholders to use this occasion to announce voluntary commitments and actions in support of the Decade;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, through the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and in collaboration with the regional commissions, to finalize and publish the implementation plan in advance of the launch on 10 December 2025, taking into account written comments received from Member States and relevant stakeholders, and to ensure that the final plan serves as an action-oriented, inclusive and dynamic framework for coordinated implementation;

### **Implementation frameworks**

11. *Decides* to convene a midterm review of the Decade in 2030, to be known as the Third United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference, in order to assess progress in implementing the implementation plan and voluntary commitments and to provide guidance for the remainder of the Decade, and also decides to hold a final high-level review conference in 2035 to consider the overall achievements of the Decade and agree on a forward-looking outcome to sustain global efforts on sustainable transport beyond 2035;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the United Nations system entities and relevant stakeholders, to conduct a feasibility study on the possible establishment of a coordination mechanism, UN-Transport, modelled, as appropriate, on existing inter-agency mechanisms such as UN-Energy and UN-Water, with a view to enhancing system-wide coherence and coordination in support of the Decade, including options for institutional arrangements, governance and financing modalities, based on voluntary contributions and within existing resources, and to present the findings and recommendations to the General Assembly at its eighty-first session for further consideration;

13. *Decides* to develop and maintain, through extrabudgetary resources, under the coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the United Nations regional commissions and relevant partners, with the support of the Government of Turkmenistan and the Group of Friends of Sustainable Transport, a visual and data-driven tool to track and trace progress in the implementation of the Decade, entitled “Atlas of Transport Sustainability”, showcasing global, regional and national indicators, good practices and voluntary commitments, and supporting transparency and evidence-based decision-making throughout the Decade;

14. *Invites* Member States to align national and regional strategies with the objectives of the Decade, including by integrating sustainable transport into national development plans;

15. *Underlines* the importance of safety across all modes of transport, and calls for enhanced coordination and synergies with the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030, as well as regulatory frameworks of the International Maritime Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization and other relevant international and regional mechanisms;

16. *Stresses* that the costs of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met from voluntary contributions, including from the private sector, and invites Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for this purpose;
  17. *Calls upon* international financial institutions, multilateral and bilateral donors, development banks and the private sector to mobilize adequate and predictable resources for sustainable transport projects, especially in developing countries, making full use of blended finance, climate funds, green and blue bonds, and other innovative instruments, with the understanding that costs of activities should be met from voluntary contributions, including from the private sector;
  18. *Invites* the Governments of the States Members of the United Nations and other relevant stakeholders, including global, regional and subregional organizations, academia, civil society organizations and the private sector, to actively support the implementation of the Decade, including through voluntary contributions, as appropriate, and to share best practices and knowledge in this regard;
  19. *Recalls* its resolution [77/286](#), by which it declared 26 November as World Sustainable Transport Day, and encourages Member States, the United Nations system, regional commissions and all relevant stakeholders to utilize the observance of the Day as a platform for regular review and visibility of progress under the Decade, including through the presentation of updates to the Atlas of Transport Sustainability, voluntary commitments and good practices contributing to the implementation plan of the Decade;
  20. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its eighty-second session, under the item entitled “Sustainable development”, a sub-item entitled “United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport 2026–2035”;
  21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its eighty-second session and thereafter biennially on the implementation of the Decade, including progress on the implementation plan, based on the data-driven indicators, good practices and lessons learned.
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