



**United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund**  
**Steering Committee**  
**Fifth session**  
**Geneva, 21 May 2020**

List of decisions of the Steering Committee at its fifth session.

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## **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

The Steering Committee adopted the agenda of its fifth session (UNRSTF/SC/9).

The following Steering Committee members participated: UNECA, UNECE, UNESCAP, UNESCWA, UNECLAC, UNICEF, WHO, Russian Federation, FIA Foundation, FIA, Michelin and Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety.

The number of Steering Committee members participating, as per Rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure, constituted a quorum.

## **2. 2019 Call for Proposals: lessons learned and good practices**

As requested by the Steering Committee at its fourth session on 14 February 2020, the UNRSF secretariat presented a document on lessons learned and good practices from the 2019 Call for Proposals (UNRSTF/SC/2020(2)/1) consisting of a series of recommendations so as to improve the next call for proposals.

The Steering Committee reviewed the document and requested the secretariat to update the report with the discussions during the session, including by integrating a two-step process for future applications and to revise the appraisal process to ensure that there is the engagement of the Steering Committee under certain rules and allow the Chair of the panel of the road safety experts to explain the ranking to the Committee during selection decisions.

In addition, the Steering Committee requested the secretariat to organize an informal virtual workshop in June, in advance of the July session of the Advisory Board, to discuss the overall strategy for the Fund as well as the approach for the 2020 Call for Proposals.

## **3. Access to the Fund by non-UN organizations**

Jointly drafted by the MPTF Office and the UNRSF secretariat, document (UNRSTF/SC/2020(2)/2) outlines the fiduciary and screening process for access to the Fund by non-UN organizations for the consideration of the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee reviewed the document and requested the secretariat to include the discussion of non-UN organizations access to the Fund's resources to the overall strategy for the Fund at the same workshop to be organized in June under agenda item 2.

## **4. Other business**

The secretariat informed the Steering Committee that two donor contributions to the Fund had been formalized since it last met on 14 February: US\$ 200,000 from Essilor and US\$ 1,500 from the Government of Mauritius.

The secretariat had conveyed the Steering Committee decision on not accepting Essilor's in-kind contribution of 1 million glasses, and Essilor informed the secretariat that their in-kind pledge to the UNRSF would still stand should the Fund's governing bodies wish to reconsider at a later stage. The secretariat will include an update on resource mobilization as well as ear-marking at the next Advisory Board and Steering Committee sessions in July in order to have a more in-depth discussion.

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The secretariat updated the Steering Committee on the upcoming election of officers, to take place at the next Advisory Board and Steering Committee sessions in July 2020.

The secretariat also informed the Steering Committee on the status of the 10 new projects that had been approved by the Steering Committee at its last session and emphasized that all efforts were being made to finalize this process.

The secretariat informed the Steering Committee that the Covid-19 pandemic had affected the implementation of all five pilot projects, and all have now received no-cost extensions. The secretariat had drafted a brief guidance with tools and tips for project managers on how to adapt programmes in the context on Covid-19. In addition, as the consequences of the pandemic are also likely to affect resource mobilization for the Fund, the secretariat will make efforts to invigorate fundraising efforts with the support of the Advisory Board and Steering Committee.

With respect to UNRSF communications, the secretariat informed the Committee that it is working on a communications strategy, where the priority for the year is to collect results stories and demonstrate the impact/added value of the 15 UNRSF projects. Another important goal is to retain current donors and attract new ones. On the communications agenda for the near future: the 2019 Annual Report 2019, the UNRSF Brand Manual, the Fund's second newsletter issue, a webinar on Covid-19 and impacts on road safety, a video on the 5 pilot projects, a portfolio with new projects, a donors welcome package, and the creation UNRSF website/social media profiles.

The secretariat informed the Steering Committee about the status of the recruitment process of the Head of the Fund, Public Information Officer, and Programme Management Assistant.

#### **5. Date and place of next meeting**

The next session of the Steering Committee will take place in Geneva and via teleconference back-to-back with the next Advisory Board session on 9 July.

#### **6. Adoption of the decisions**

The Steering Committee adopted the list of decisions of its fifth session (UNRSTF/SC/10).