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United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund Steering Committee Fourth session Geneva, 14 February 2020

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

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Steering Committee adopted the agenda of its fourth session (UNRSTF/SC/7), including information document No. 1 tabled under item 2.

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

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

2. 2019 Call for Proposals

The Fund's first formal Call for Proposals was open between 9 October and 4 December 2019 and received a total of 73 applications, to provide funding support in 52 countries and seeking a total of US\$ 62.5 million in funds. The secretariat selected 3 road safety experts through an Expression of Interest to conduct appraisals of all eligible applications to the Call. The road safety experts worked independently and anonymously to conduct the appraisals of the project proposals in line with the Advisory Board and Steering Committee decisions, package of 2019 Call for Proposals, as well as the founding documents: the Priorities and Criteria Funding Fund's for Projects (UNRSTF/AB/2018(1)/5/Rev.1-UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/5/Rev.1), Global Framework Plan of Action for Road Safety (UNRSTF/AB/2018(1)/4/Rev.1-UNRSTF/SC/2018(1)/4/Rev.1) and the Operations Manual (UNRSTF/AB/2018(2)/3/Rev.1-UNRSTF/SC/2018(2)/3/Rev.1).

The secretariat presented the outcome of the appraisals conducted by the road safety experts of the 50 eligible projects submitted to the 2019 Call for Proposals as captured in the Proposal Assessment Report (UNRSTF/SC/2020(1)/1/Rev.1). The secretariat introduced as well a list of recommendations for revisions of the top 25 ranked projects (Information document No. 1).

The Steering Committee discussed the eligible proposals and approved a total amount of US\$ 3,970,916 to fund 10 projects as follows:

Project Name	Beneficiary Country or Countries	Participating UN Organization (PUNO)	Project Duration (in months)	Amount to be funded by UNRSF
Proposal 9 : Improvement of Driver Licensing System in Lao PDR	Lao People's Democratic Republic	UNESCAP	18	570,000
Proposal 48: Ten Step Plan for Safer Road Infrastructure	Tanzania	UNECA	24	480,000
Proposal 45: Safe Road Zambia - Creating cities for non-motorized transportation users	Zambia	UNDP	36	450,000
Proposal 1: Strengthening Road Traffic Enforcement	Brazil	UNECLAC	12	321,000
Proposal 18: Safer and Cleaner Used Vehicles for Africa	African Countries (Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Tunisia, Uganda, and Democratic Republic of Congo)	UNEP	30	500,000
Proposal 25: Strengthen Road Safety Management for evidence-based intervention through reliable road crash data, building capacity in research and monitoring evaluation.	Uganda	UNECA	24	265,082
Proposal 33: Reducing road deaths and injuries in Jordan through increasing restraint use	Jordan	UNESCWA	18	267,550
Proposal 27: Technical support for more efficient implementation of the National Action Plan on Road Safety with emphasis on improving the existing legislation for road safety and the quality of care for post-crash response.	Azerbaijan	WHO	36	500,000
Proposal 2: Speed Management project in Latin America: the case of Argentina	Argentina	UNECLAC	24	300,000
Proposal 36: Transformative Actions for Safe Motorcycles in Tunisia	Tunisia	UNESCWA	24	317,284

The Steering Committee recommended joint financing of proposal 48 Ten Step Plan for Safer Road Infrastructure with the World Bank and requested the secretariat to transmit this to the World Bank.

The Committee members confirmed that the ten approved projects should be revised in line with the Steering Committee's feedback and the comments from the evaluators and secretariat (Information document No. 1). The implementation of these projects is expected to begin as soon as possible following the revision of proposals and submission of additional documentation by PUNOs.

The Steering Committee requested the secretariat to also transmit the feedback from the road safety experts to all eligible non-approved projects for possible review and re-submission to the next UNRSF call for proposals. The secretariat will also inform the applicants of ineligible projects of the ineligibility rationale.

3. Guideline on the Use of the UNRSTF Brand and Logo

The Steering Committee considered document UNRSTF/SC/2020(1)/2 on the use of the Fund's brand and logo by Donors, Participating UN Organizations, partners, Implementing Partners, and other stakeholders of the Fund. The Guidelines also propose a mechanism to recognize UNRSF donors through Contributor Logos that correlate to the level of funding provided.

The secretariat was requested to ensure that the logo used in the document UNRSTF/SC/2020(1)/2, complied with the approved logo, as endorsed by the Advisory Board at its third session.

The Steering Committee approved the Guidelines, thereby formalizing the process of the use of the UNRSF Logo and Contributor Logos.

4. UNRSTF Initial Risk Profile

According to the UNRSTF Operations Manual, the Steering Committee is to establish the Fund's risk profile, in consultation with the Advisory Board, and to assess and update the profile as part of the Fund's evaluation framework. The secretariat has prepared the UNRSTF Initial Risk Profile (UNRSTF/SC/2020(1)/3) with the support of a consultant.

The Steering Committee confirmed the UNRSTF Initial Risk Profile and requested the secretariat to report at the next session on the status of risks and mitigation measures, as well as on any emerging issues that may impact the Fund Risk Profile.

The secretariat was recommended to revise and simplify the next version of the Risk Profile, to be presented to the Steering Committee in 2021.

5. In-kind Contribution

The Steering Committee appreciated the willingness of Essilor to contribute to the Fund through its inkind contribution as well as its potential implementation under the Fund (UNRSTF/SC/2020(1)/4) but in view of the current status of the Fund, the Steering Committee was not in a position to accept the inkind contribution.

6. Other business

The secretariat informed the Steering Committee of its efforts to showcase the Fund at the upcoming Third Global Conference on Road Safety in Stockholm on 19-20 February.

The secretariat informed the meeting that it planned to present documents for fiduciary and screening process for direct access, and revisions to the Fund's founding documents, to the Fund's resources by non-UN organizations to the next Advisory Board session with the support of the Steering Committee and MPTFO.

The Steering Committee was informed on the election of officers to take place at the next Steering Committee session in line with Chapter III on the Rules of Procedure of the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee took note of the negative outcome of the Uber due diligence conducted by the MPTFO at this point in time.

The secretariat informed the Steering Committee that it had transmitted the Advisory Board's invitation to UNESCO as a participating UN organization of the Fund in view of its importance in the safe system principles of the Global Framework Plan of Action for Road Safety.

The Steering Committee took note of the approval of the request from UN-Habitat for a no-cost sixmonth extension of its pilot project "Scaling-up Safe Streets in Ethiopia" in line with the Operations Manual.

The secretariat informed the Steering Committee about the need to revise the Fund MOU to reflect a clause on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, as well as sexual harassment.

The secretariat also informed the Steering Committee about the status of the recruitment process of the P-5 (Head of the Fund secretariat) and P-3 posts (Public Information Officer).

The Steering Committee requested the secretariat to insert an agenda item at its next session to discuss the good practices and lessons learned from the 2019 Call for Proposals process, including the appraisal process and access of NGOs to PUNOs so as to improve the next Call for Proposals.

7. Date and place of next meeting

The Steering Committee requested the secretariat to circulate the proposals for the date of the next session of the Steering Committee in Geneva.

8. Adoption of the decisions

The Steering Committee adopted the list of decisions of its fourth session (UNRSTF/SC/8).