

## **Statement of Islamic Republic of Iran on "The regional approach to the Decade of Action for Road Safety, 2021-2030"**

Comparing the international indicator of mortality due to road accidents between EMR and other countries of the world, we believe further actions for reducing that indicator should be taken into considerations by the regional member states.

Based on the EMRO's report published in 2021 on SDHs, due to the diversity of income and geographical expansion of the countries in this region, collecting and monitoring data on road safety is so difficult.

In this regard I.R.Iran has developed its Road Safety Action Plan based on 5 pillars in WHO guideline on "Safe System Approach" with a target of 10% annual reduction in mortality of road traffic accidents in line with "Global Plan- Decade of Action for Road Safety- 2021-2030". The action plan has been issued by the leading national agency titled "Road Safety Commission" in cooperation with ministries and organizations responsible for Road Safety.

The leading agency has increased the coordination between the relevant organizations and provides necessary infrastructures such as a data bank of road traffic accidents for analysis of the road accident factors, SWOT analysis, and a decision making tool in order to developing and implementing the Action Plan for Road Safety.

Despite successes, there are some gaps in the implementation of plan because of financial shortages, economic sanctions, lack of adequacy of research studies and low access to the best global practices, inadequacy of traffic cultures and the last but not the least is insufficient enthusiasm for national and international investment in developing the Road Safety.

I.R.Iran gives its sincere appreciation to the WHO country office for its scientific, technical and financial supports to accelerate achieving SDG indicators for road safety. However, further technical support is required about international methods for assessment and audits of the operational processes, rising up the public awareness in prevention of road traffic accidents and also quality and quantity development of post-accident responses.

Thank you.