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Global Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Release New Road Safety Framework

Integrated approach to save lives and improve safety around the world

Provisions on road safety, driver behavior, safer vehicles, modern infrastructure and law enforcement

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PARIS, France – The International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA) today released its <u>2022 Global Road Safety Manifesto</u>, a comprehensive plan to save lives and improve safety for road users around the world.

The document is a follow up to OICA's previous <u>plan for global road safety requirements</u> presented to the United Nations in 2019.

The UN has identified 2021-2030 as the 'Second Decade of Action for Road Safety,' noting 1.35 million fatalities and 50 million injuries annually – 90 percent in developing counties. In addition to being tragic, this data represents a major public health and economic development challenge, "with broad social and economic consequences," according to OICA's framework.

OICA President John Bozzella noted: "No matter where you live, every car driver, biker, motorcyclist and pedestrian should be able to travel safely. We all have a role to play to ensure the world's roads are as safe as possible. Auto manufacturers working together with governments, the United Nations and civil society are committed to helping save lives and reduce injuries everywhere – and our new framework outlines a path forward to achieve these goals in the years ahead."

The global auto industry believes the most efficient way to ensure only safe vehicles enter the market is through legislation with well-defined minimum safety levels. This is a crucial element especially in countries where current legislation is inadequate or non-existent and is an approach supported by the UN's Inland Transport Committee. This safety approach was successful in developed markets and should be replicated in developing countries as well.

The <u>OICA framework</u> calls for the application of updates to specific safety rules for light vehicles (including antilock braking systems, electronic stability control, collision and tires standards, and installation of lighting among others) with detailed recommendations and accelerated timeframes for legislative implementation.

Vehicle manufacturers around the globe are committed to reviewing with various authorities how to put in place this legislative framework to ensure only safe vehicles are put on the road.

Read OICA's 2022 Global Road Safety Manifesto HERE.

About OICA

The world association OICA was founded in 1919 and currently gathers 36 trade associations around the world, including all major automobile manufacturing countries in Europe, America, and Asia. OICA is the only non-governmental car and truck manufacturers' organization accredited to the United Nations and represents the technical interests of the global auto industry in international institutions and organizations.

The OICA activities contribute to the worldwide diffusion of technology, experience and know-how, to the benefit of all countries. OICA coordinates the global harmonization of vehicle regulations. The member countries are committed to the improvement of road safety and environmental protection, and they actively contribute to the global harmonization of technical regulations and standards. OICA also collects and publishes international statistics and coordinates the yearly calendar of Motor shows all over the world.

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