

- c) that the UN Secretary-General issued a UNRSC report on “*Improving global road safety*” (A/64/266), which identified nearly 1.3 million road traffic deaths and 20 – 50 million injuries per year, and an estimated \$518 billion in global economic loss from those injuries to Governments and individuals;
- d) that the UNRSC is currently developing a draft action plan for the decade which addresses among its topics road safety management, road-user behavior, and road-safety education;
- e) that driver distraction and road-user behavior, which includes among many examples “texting”, “text messaging”, interfacing with in-vehicle navigation or communication systems, are among the leading contributors to road traffic fatalities and injuries;
- f) that the successful implementation of this task, including the development of an in-vehicle architecture and Vehicle Gateway Platform (VGP), requires cross-sectoral collaboration within the ITU and among the World Standards Cooperation (WSC) partners;

noting

- a) that ICTs, including intelligent transport systems (ITS), provide mechanisms for vehicular and passenger safety;
- b) that the proliferation of integrated in-vehicle ICTs and nomadic devices, including navigational information and electronic data communications devices, may contribute to driver distraction;
- c) that the ITU has on-going work in its various sectors, including the ITU-T Focus Group on Car Communications (FG CarCom), which has been identified as an appropriate place to address driver distraction;

resolves

1. to include the theme of “ICTs and improving road safety” among those addressed at the WSIS Forum 2011, and to consider it as a theme at the “2012 World Telecommunication and Information Society Day,” in accordance with Resolution 68 (Rev. Antalya, 2006);
2. to invite all Members of the Union to take practical steps to further national and domestic policies, programs and/or educational initiatives in the use of ICTs to improve road safety, also taking into account the risks associated with unreasonable use of ICTs and driver distraction, as well as the benefits of ICTs and vehicular safety technologies, in order in to improve global road safety;

instructs the Director TSB

to bring this Resolution to the attention of relevant groups in ITU-T, in particular ITU-T Study Group 12 and its Focus Group on Car Communication.

Ref.: Documents C10/87 and C10/92.
