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# The FIA WELCOMES THE CREATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ROAD SAFETY TRUST FUND

## JEAN TODT IS THE SG SPECIAL ENVOY

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The FIA has been a strong advocate for the establishment of a global road safety fund housed within the United Nations, particularly through the activities of the FIA High Level Panel for Road Safety (HLP). The HLP gathers senior decision-makers from the global business community, international institutions and non-governmental organisations with the goal of engaging both the public and private sectors to build much-needed global momentum for road safety activities and funding. For Jean Todt, the establishment of the United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund “will serve to galvanise global efforts to address the dire road safety situation. Building on road safety´s inclusion within the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety, progress is being made. But more can and must be done to decrease global road fatalities“. Aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020, the Fund will help mobilise and unlock financial and technical resources in order to strengthen the capacity of government agencies, local governments and city authorities to develop and implement road safety programmes, especially in low and middle-income countries. Source : FIA

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