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Subject: Input to New Urban Agenda

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to recommend the addition of the following language (in red, below) to the New Urban Agenda. Genie Birch, CCed, suggested I email this language to you to ensure that it is on the record.

I work with the FIA Foundation, an ECOSOC registered organization which advocated for the inclusion of safe and sustainable transportation in the SDGs. While we applaud the inclusion of mobility in the New Urban Agenda, the provision for safe mobility is lacking. The two critical sentences we suggest below help ensure safe infrastructure to protect vulnerable populations such as women and children. Providing safe mobility helps children can get to school, to obtain the education they need for future employment. Safe mobility helps fight poverty and reduce inequality. Our suggested language also helps bridge the gap between policy and implementation, which seems to be a recurring concern regarding the New Urban Agenda. I have posted a longer rationale for the inclusion of these sentences on your [Urban Dialogue on the Zero Draft](#) website.

Recommended language to be included in paragraph 113:

113. We will implement polycentric and balanced territorial development policies and interventions, promoting the role of small and intermediate cities in strengthening food security systems through provision of sound infrastructure, access to land and effective trade links, to ensure that small scale farmers are linked to larger supply chains including a density-based fair distribution of diverse services across cities and their territories, which will minimize demand for travel. At the same time, we will foster compact, transit-supported city models, with a well-connected network of mixed-use arteries, integrating mobility plans into overall urban plans, to decrease the demand for private vehicles, as well as to promote efficient and safe multi-modal transport systems. **We will support cities in adopting policies following the 'Safe System' approach, including speed management and investments in safe walking and cycling infrastructure. This promotes a safe and healthy journey to school for every child as a priority in line with the Sustainable Development Goal agenda and the Convention of the Rights of the Child.**

Please let me know if you have any questions, and thank you again for the opportunity for open dialogue.

Best,

Natalie