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Dear IRF members,

I am very honoured to be chosen to chair the IRF Working Group on Road Safety.

Our main task for the next coming weeks is to form this group in order to prepare and launch a new programme.

The Kick-off meeting is proposed during Intertraffic 2008 in Amsterdam, Netherlands, from 10-12am on 3rd of April 2008.

The proposed agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. New name for the IRF road safety working group: Forgiving roads, road safety, safe roads, sustainable road safety
2. Action plan /subjects to be addressed
 - Accident statistics/ the IRF reference (benchmarking)
 - Road Accidents knowledge base (FAQ, glossary,e-learning)
 - Road safety guides (design/audit): cooperation with other organisations and dissemination
 - Safe roads and driving simulator
 - Sharing the roads for the safety of all users: pedestrians (handicapped, elderly, young people), bicycles, motorbikes, public transport, heavy goods vehicles, cars.
 - Road Safety management training course
 - Speed control and ITS
 - Adherence
 - Other topics...
3. Next meeting

I honestly think that we have a lot to do to make roads sustainable and forgiving. This is especially true where new roads are being constructed in developing countries and emerging economies. To achieve that and as our actions will save lives, we need all synergies.

Best regards

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PS: In order to facilitate communication amongst our working group and reduce CO2 emission, we will try to use in as much as possible tele-conferencing or video-conferencing.