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Dear Sir,

The participation of the FIA and your engagement and support to increased preventive measures and treatment for the aftermath of traffic accidents is of great importance to Iceland.

As a result of your visit to Iceland in 2011 to promote the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020 the Icelandic government decided to put focus on spinal cord injuries in connection with the Decade of Action. Last year an international meeting of doctors and health scientists was held in Iceland to focus on possibilities for a cure of spinal cord injuries. I want to thank the FIA for its participation in the meeting where Ms. Rita Cuypers, Director of Partnership of the FIA, presented the work of the FIA on traffic safety. I would also like to thank the FIA for its cooperation with the UN that has led to the understanding that spinal cord injuries and traffic safety are closely related in the context of the UN, as is manifested in the Secretary General's Synthesis Report on the Post-2015 Agenda, The Road to Dignity by 2030.

In May 2014 the Icelandic Parliament passed a resolution on measures in support of the treatment of spinal cord injuries. In the resolution the Parliament commissions the Government of Iceland to participate in and contribute to the international awakening of awareness concerning neurological disorders and to seek support for having one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, that are to be adopted in 2015, concerned with progress in the treatment of neurological disorders.

Enclosed is a letter that I have written to the UN Secretary General recently. I would kindly ask if you could review the letter and appraise if you as a UN Special Envoy for Road Safety could see an opportunity to further this cause at the UN.

It is clear from the valuable work of the FIA on prevention of traffic accidents and the important research of the ICM - Brain and Spine Institute, that the FIA runs in Paris, that there is a common interest by the FIA and Iceland to prevent injuries of the nervous system and find a cure for neurological disorders.

Iceland greatly values your support to the prevention and treatment of neurological disorders.

Sincerely,



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