



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE L'AUTOMOBILE

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Dear Mr. Júlíusson,

Thank you very much for your update on the measures being taken by the government of Iceland to address spinal cord injuries. The government's action to address this also on the international stage is of much interest.

The link between road safety and spinal cord injuries is very important and a subject close to my heart. As you mention in your letter, the FIA works closely with the ICM foundation for research on brain and spinal cord disorders, and I am proud to be a founder and the Vice-President of the institute. Today ICM has over 600 medical professionals, working in an area of 25,000 square metres in Paris.

In my new role as the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Road Safety, prevention and effective treatment of road traffic injuries is one of my key priorities. Spinal cord and neurological injuries are of particular importance in this regard. I have read your letter to the United Nations Secretary General, and where possible, will support your call for greater inclusion of neurological disorder treatment in the post-2015 development agenda.

Increased understanding and awareness of this health issue has the potential to have an important impact on the 50 million people who are severely injured on the world's roads every year. I am confident that working together we can have a real impact promoting further action on this issue and reduce the rate of debilitating neurological injuries that occur on our roads.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jean Todt', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

Jean Todt