

Declaration of Interest; Victims Rights Report

DRAFT RESOLUTION RESOLVES: Declare of interest of the Honorable Chamber of Deputies of the Nation to the Investigation of Road Deaths "Survey Report" carried out by the International Association of Traffic Victims (IRVP).

Mr. President:

The International Road Victims Partnership (IRVP) was created by victim advocates. It is an entity that brings together more than 100 NGOs from all regions of the world, who came together to campaign for road safety to also include the post-accident response and the justice system. The Association Madres del Dolor, represented by Viviam Perrone, is part of IRVP as "Co-Chair" within the board.

IRVP members work to ensure:

- Development of minimum and best practices in collision investigation standards, criminal trials, civil compensation and victims' rights;
- Inclusion of coalition investigation, criminal prosecution, civil compensation and victims' rights in UN road safety programs;
- Comprehensive police investigations, including data collection, preservation and exchange of information with all interested parties.

The IRVP at its inaugural conference in Mullingar, Ireland, produced a document that highlighted the unsatisfactory treatment of victims of a road crash. At the same time, it acknowledged that traffic collision investigations are key to both justice and prevention. Evidence-based prevention programs require complete and accurate research data. That is why it is necessary to improve these type of tools.

Regarding the survey methodology, IRVP members were encouraged to consult with their law enforcement authorities before responding. They were analyzed by the SmartSurvey system to collect and analyze the responses. The questions were given out in March 2019 and the members of the IRVP had three weeks to answer them.

Replies were received from 74 organizations in 40 countries. For the purpose of their discussion, the responses were organized according to the WHO regional classification:

Africa (AFRO): Algeria, Benin, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia. America (PAHO): Argentina, Canada, United States, Antigua and Barbuda. Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO): Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Pakistan. Europe (EURO): Belgium, Great Britain, Georgia, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden

Southeast Asia: India, Indonesia, Nepal. Western Pacific (WPRO): Australia, Philippines.

The number of deaths in road accidents has continued to grow, despite a large increase in international investment over the past decade. This data reinforces the need for the justice system to give adequate treatment to the victims. The survey has shown how the rights of victims of road crashes vary between countries, and even within the same region, as well as the postponement of the rights of victims of road crashes compared to the rights of victims of other types of crimes

It is important that from Congress we recognize the work done by IRVP as it helps to promote the exchange of information among its members and in this way increase awareness both nationally and globally, expressing its conclusions in a guide for victims and their families to help them deal with the terrible consequences of their loss, including their search for information, support, compensation and justice. For all the above, I invite my peers to accompany this draft Resolution.