Thank you Madam Chair.

The UN’s Sustainable Development Goals contain two global targets on road safety. We are once again reiterating the importance of halving the number of global deaths and injuries from road traffic crashes and calls for improving road safety in the provision of access to transport systems and expanding public transport in order to achieve the Agenda2030.

Taking note of the many significant work undertaken by the ESCAP secretariat in assisting with the capacity development needs of the member states to increase road safety in the Asia Pacific region, the delegation of Maldives wishes to take this opportunity to briefly put forward a request to organize and conduct a workshop in the Maldives on capacity building on road safety. We are confident that such a programme will enrich the capacity gaps that developing countries like ours whose resources are stretched thin continue to face. The programme will also assist in strengthening road safety governance and best practices for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. We look forward to working together in actualizing this request.

Let me also take the opportunity to convey that Maldives supports the endorsement of the draft Regional Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety for the current decade.

I thank you.