Muscat Youth Road Safety Declaration
21st February 2011

Owing to the rapid rise in road traffic injuries which are taking their toll on the poor and vulnerable road users, especially in developing countries, and seeing that young people represent more than 30% of road crash victims, we the youth of the region are

1. Recalling the 6 UN Resolutions on road safety from 2003 to 2010 and building upon the previous Youth Declarations for Road Safety;

2. Taking into account the efforts of WHO as the main coordinator for global road safety reporting back to the UN General Assembly and chair the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration;

3. Taking into consideration the fact that the Sultanate of Oman was instrumental and responsible in initiating road safety issues at the United Nations and attaining approval by consensus of the above-mentioned 6 UN road safety Resolutions;


5. Endorsing that the road traffic crashes are no accidents but are predictable and therefore are preventable;

6. Expressing the overwhelming concern at the rapid increase in road fatalities, injuries and disability particularly in developing countries;
7. Concerned and convinced that the road traffic crashes have direct and indirect, impact and burden on economic, social, legal and health aspects on the society and sustainable development;

8. Recognizing that effective action requires strong and sustained political will and commitment, in particular at the national, regional and international level;

9. Recognizing that road traffic injuries affect not only the victims but also their families with devastating effects;

10. Recognizing that road traffic injuries affects mainly the vulnerable road users and mostly at their peak productive period of their lives;

11. Accepting that it is everyone’s responsibility to provide safe roads for the deserving vulnerable road users;

12. Recalling the 4th UN Resolution A/60/L.8 (60/5) on 26th October 2005, which endorsed the First Global Road Safety Week to be held in April 2007 in Geneva. The First World Youth Assembly for Road Safety, held during this Week, gave a voice to young people, provided the platform for sharing knowledge and experience, and empowered youth to advocate for road safety. UN youth road safety ambassadors were appointed to create awareness in their respective countries. This was followed by the birth of a global movement under the name of YOURS – Youth for Road Safety.
13. Appreciating and supporting the work done by the Youth Ambassadors for road safety globally;

14. Appreciating all the above facts we all realize that youth involvement is essential to reduce the human toll at global level

15. Accepting and upholding the recommendations of the First Regional Road Safety Youth Assembly held in Muscat Oman in February 2011.

We the Youth from the ACD countries and the MENA region and the observers from 5 countries, declare

1. To abide by the recommendations of the First Regional Road Safety Youth Assembly held in Oman;

2. To address the road safety issues by addressing the good Practices as per the recommendations of the UN Road Safety Collaboration;

3. To establish with our governments to recognize the role of the youth as one of the main stakeholders in the development of road safety in our countries;

4. To work together with all the stakeholders especially our governments to advocate for road safety;

5. To empower the youth in our countries in the field of road safety so as to work for the decrease of road fatality, injuries and disabilities;

6. To connect and collaborate with each other to improve road safety in our countries through advocacy and awareness programs;

7. To work together to develop youth capacities in our nations, and create an atmosphere for knowledge sharing and transfer;

8. To share and cooperate with each other in the field of research;

9. To share a common vision to make our roads in our region the safest in the world;

10. To support, advocate, work for, and be proactively involved in the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020 nationally, regionally and globally

11. To formalize our regional group by forming a Regional Youth Council for road safety, that will feed into the global youth network of YOURS – Youth for Road Safety

12. To hold annual regional youth road safety assemblies.