

**THE GOA DECLARATION of 16th November 2002
ON
DRIVER AND MOTORCYCLE RIDER TRAINING AND TESTING**

BACKGROUND

This conference accords equal value to human life across the world. Every year, globally 1.2 million people die and 20 million are seriously injured in road crashes.

- Killing people on the road is unacceptable.
- A driving licence is a privilege, not a right and must be earned.
- Everyone has a role in reducing accidents
- Road crashes will soon be the main killer of young people throughout the world.
- There is proof that progress is possible in every country; it is the political will that is missing.

ACTION IS REQUIRED NOW:

- Drivers and riders need the physical ability, education, knowledge, skill and right behaviour to drive safely.
- Training is particularly important for powered two wheeler drivers who are the most vulnerable.
- Learners must have enough experience driving under supervision.
- A well enforced testing and licensing system is essential to ensure that necessary skills and experience are required.
- Instructors must be trained and qualified to a high standard, regulated and monitored.
- Examiners must also be qualified, regulated and monitored to ensure that all tests are conducted to a consistent high standard.
- Drivers applying for a commercial vehicle (including public transport) licence should meet higher medical standards.
- Commercial vehicle drivers must be trained and tested to a higher level.
- Government must set standard and enforce the licensing system.
- Supplying or obtaining a licence illegally is criminal behaviour and should attract the highest possible penalty.
- Automobile manufacturers and insurance companies should recognise their social responsibility by supporting and promoting road safety through driver training and education.
- Countries across the globe must actively work in close partnership to share knowledge and experience of driver training to expedite achievement of road safety goals.