

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Marrakech Places Road Safety at the Heart of the Global Agenda: Closing of the 4th Global Ministerial Conference**

**Marrakech, February 20, 2025** – The 4th Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety concluded today in Marrakech, with the exceptional participation of nearly 150 governmental delegations and more than 5 000 attendees from all around the world.

Held under the High Patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI – May God Assist Him, this 4th edition, which was opened on Tuesday by the Head of the Moroccan Government, was hosted in Africa for the first time. It provided an opportunity to accelerate global commitments on road safety and define concrete measures to reduce road fatalities worldwide.

In response to growing multilateral challenges, the Kingdom successfully brought together ministers, government representatives, international civil society, experts, and the private sector around a common goal: halving road accident-related deaths by 2030, in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030.

*"We are proud to have hosted this 4th Global Ministerial Conference in Marrakech, mobilizing all UN member states and our international partners around an issue that concerns us all. As Africans in particular and as active members of the international community, we must celebrate the milestone achieved today. Every decision made here must translate into lives saved,"* stated Mr. Abdessamad Kayouh, Minister of Transport and Logistics.

The Conference led to the adoption of the **Marrakech Declaration**, a strategic roadmap aimed at strengthening international cooperation, harmonizing regulations, and mobilizing innovative and sustainable funding to improve road safety. Among the key strategic priorities that have been identified, here are the main points:

- Recognition of Morocco's leadership in road safety
- Urgency of implementing the Global Plan for Road Safety
- Strengthening national and international commitments
- Ensuring sustainable and integrated funding for road safety
- Promoting safe systems, technology, and sustainable mobility
- Enhancing global cooperation and accountability

A key aspect of the Marrakech Declaration is the proposal for the United Nations General Assembly to adopt a resolution promoting the declaration and the commitments made during this conference. A call was also made for the World Health Organization (WHO) to monitor the progress of these commitments.

To ensure the implementation of these actions, an International Monitoring Committee will be established in 2025. This body will coordinate efforts, track progress, and assist states in applying recommendations. A first progress report will be presented at the 2026 meeting.

The 4th edition of this conference thus marks a historic turning point for global road safety. *"This conference has been a success on all levels. Morocco has created the ideal conditions for constructive and ambitious discussions to address the challenges of this silent pandemic,"* stated Mr. Jean Todt, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety.

The goal now is to turn these commitments into concrete actions, ensuring the safety of all road users by 2030.