

## **17 November is the world day of remembrance for the victims of traffic accidents**

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The third Sunday in November was the day chosen by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2005 to render homage to the victims of traffic accidents and their families.

This year the 17<sup>th</sup> of November is the occasion for Ban Ki-Moon, the Secretary General of the UN, to recall that traffic accidents kill more than one million people each year and injure 50 million, of which some remain handicapped for life.

“Behind the statistics,” he emphasizes, “are found the parents, the children, the brothers and sisters, colleagues and grieving friends.” And some accidents have consequences as much psychological as financial.

In the framework of the Decade of Action for Traffic Safety, a UN program that ends in 2020, a number of various measures have been decided by the member nations to improve the safety of roads throughout the world. And, Ban Ki-Moon insists, it is necessary to adopt other “more concerted” measures in the coming years.

An appeal that, on this day of remembrance for accident victims, must not remain a vain wish.