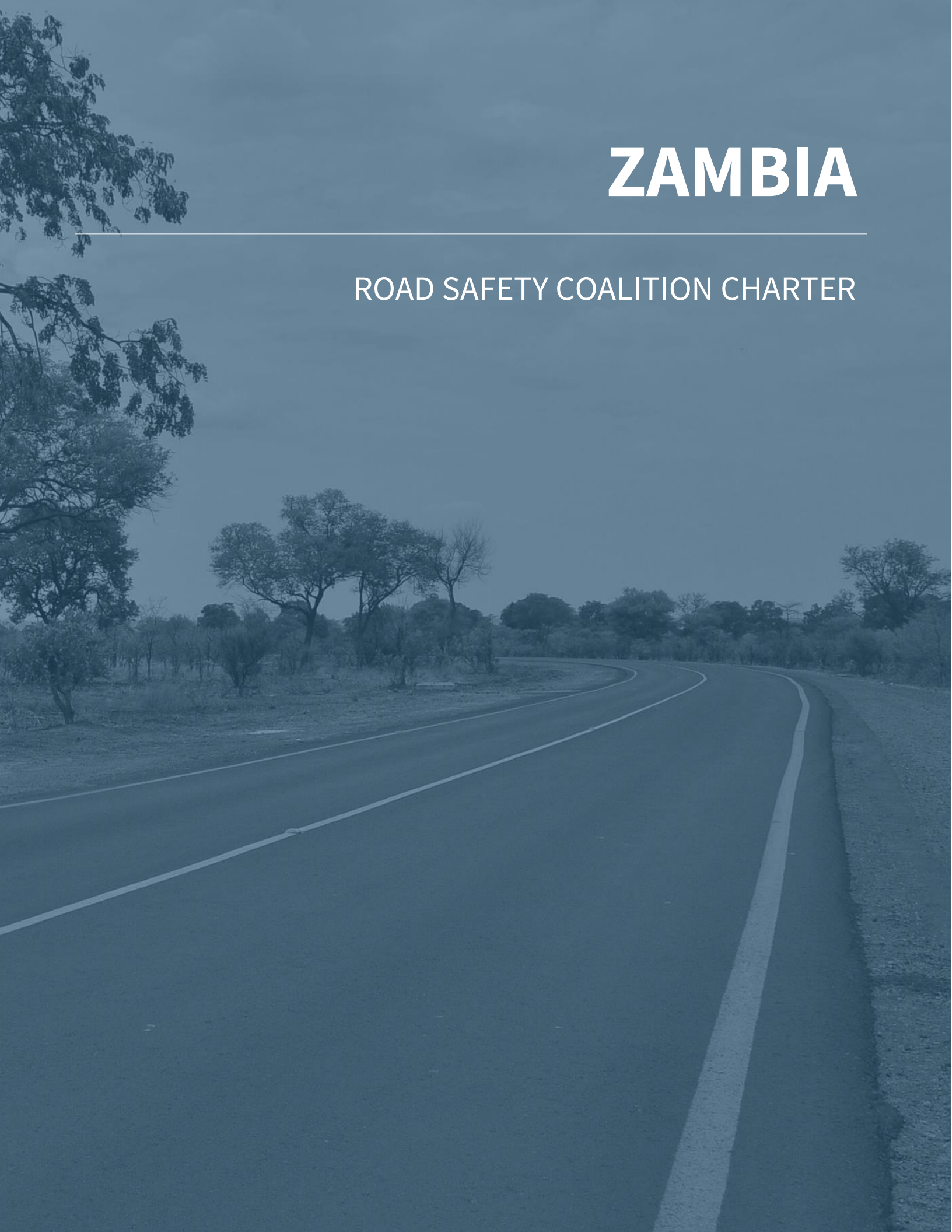

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PREAMBLE

The World Health Organization estimates that road crashes claim 1.35 million lives and injure 50 million people worldwide annually. Most road crashes occur in developing countries where road transport constitutes one of the leading causes of death. In recognition of this global crisis, the United Nations has declared the years 2021 to 2030 as the new Decade of Action for Road Safety. The United Nations urged all stakeholders, including business leaders, to support the implementation thereof. In Zambia thousands of people die in road crashes every year and it is our prime responsibility to work together as we believe that these road crashes are largely preventable and road safety is a shared responsibility.

PURPOSE

Members of the coalition enter into partnership to use their combined knowledge and experience to reduce road crashes in Zambia. This initiative is rooted in the belief that road crashes are largely preventable and road safety is a shared responsibility.

MEMBERSHIP

All founding members believe that one road crash victim is one too many and are committed to collaborate in order to reduce the number and severity of road crashes. On these premises, the members have adopted a set of values and principles that define and elaborate their collective commitment towards the reduction of road crashes.

The coalition is open to new members, provided they share the same principles as defined in this charter.

PRINCIPLES

Members are committed to operating based on the following values and common principles that assert their shared ethical standards and accountability in the following areas:

THIRD PARTY TRANSPORT CONTRACTOR VETTING

- Committed to setting, and continuously reviewing, minimum vetting standards related to legal compliance, financial due diligence, vehicle technical standards and health and safety.
- Uplift health and safety knowledge in our suppliers, contractors, and other business partners.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Committed to drug and alcohol policy and enforcement, annual medical check-ups, “on the road” driver monitoring and wellness support.
- Driver’s Well Being programs and Driver Health Management programs.
- Eye testing campaigns.

CAPACITY BUILDING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Committed to developing professionalism and adoption of road safety best practices in transportation by developing competencies amongst fleet owners, managers and drivers through structured training modules, reward and recognition schemes.
- Ensure that relevant recommendations related to road safety are shared with public agencies which are leading the recruiting, developing and building of a professional road safety workforce within their organisations.
- Develop a generalised platform regarding exchange of driver information in term of HSE and ethical or legal violations.
- Research and development projects related to the road safety which ensures the sustainability of safe business activities.

JOURNEY MANAGEMENT & ROUTE HAZARD ANALYSIS

- Committed to uphold Vehicle Technical Standards – relevant to the transport needs and in line with international best practices**.** More generally, all members’ and third party commercial vehicles shall be equipped with a vehicle tracking device, means of communication (phone or radio), and an Emergency Response kit (first aid kit, fire extinguisher, reflective jacket, warning triangles and wheel chokes).
- Evaluation Criteria and Fitness Certification of old vehicles in industry to avoid accidents due to vehicle condition can be regularly audited by third-party auditors.
- Standard for purchase of new vehicles in terms of Safety for all collaborating parties.
- Committed to proactively plan transport itineraries with close monitoring to minimise fatigue, driving under influence, speeding, night and dangerous driving in a bid to reduce road crashes and fatalities.

- Combine and collaborate for Governmental support or involvement In Route Hazard Analysis for main HTV travelling routes and corrective measures to avoid accidents.
- Selection of industrial and business partners on transportation and logistics based on their ability to sustain and improve on health and safety performance, and key performance indicators.

ACCIDENT REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION

- Committed to ensure that all members and their third-party transporters are required to report accidents and share the results of investigations for future accident prevention. Relevant expertise and experience related to accident reporting and investigation will be shared among the coalition members.

LEGAL COMPLIANCE AND COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

- Committed to ensuring that relationship amongst members of this coalition, public bodies, private organisations and Government bodies are legal, independent and transparent.
- Pledge to cooperate fully with agencies charged with the responsibility of traffic law enforcement, and to proactively engage with them in order to assure appropriate changes that are responsive to the industry needs and in line with global best practices.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- Committed to working together to define and apply suitable rescue, site clean-up, and restoration procedures whenever accidents occur, ensuring the safety of third party road users at all times. We shall ensure “on the road” support to our drivers via road side wellness and emergency response centres.
- Committed to support each other when required with current capabilities in emergency situations as and when possible.

ROAD SAFETY COMMUNITY ACTIONS

- Committed to engage with communities to address various aspects of road safety via:
- Education activities; knowledge and best practices dissemination; impart trainings;
- Youth and Inclusion for Road Safety Awareness Campaigns;
- Support different stakeholders including government authorities to take actions on road Safety awareness and education of future generations of Zambia;
- Develop and train young new drivers and make them understand the importance of Road Safety and Defensive Driving.

We, the underdesigned, commit to the aforementioned standards and accountability principles.

Geneva, 7 July 2023

This is a non-binding charter and is being signed for the betterment of society.