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FIRST WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS

Sunday 19 November 2006 will mark the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

The third Sunday of November has been recognized in many European countries for several years as the Day of Remembrance for road traffic victims.

In Resolution A/RES/60/5 adopted in October 2006, the United Nations General Assembly invited Member States and the international community to recognize the third Sunday in November every year as the World Day of Remembrance. As a result, this day is being observed in an increasing number of countries and continents.

Organizations representing road traffic victims, such as the European Federation of Road Traffic Victims (FEVR) and the Association for Safe International Road Travel (ASIRT), which participate actively in the United Nations road safety work, will be organizing acts of remembrance, including religious services but also secular events such as marches or concerts.

Every day, about 3,000 people die and around 100,000 are injured on the world's roads.

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