



## Press Release

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### WHO Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020

Governments, international agencies, civil society organizations and private companies from more than 100 countries are launching the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020. From Tanzania to Sri Lanka and from Namibia to Mexico, presidents and prime ministers are expressing their commitment and launching national plans for the Decade. To symbolize the launch, national monuments are illuminated with the road safety "tag", the new symbol for the Decade, from New York City, to Rio de Janeiro, London, Warsaw, Sydney, Moscow, Colombo and Geneva. These events mark the start of the Decade which seeks to save 5 million lives over the ten-year period.

**The Bone & Joint Decade** is proud to support the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020. The Bone and Joint Decade has been working with the WHO and UN over the last 10 years to support and promote the cause of road safety and improving trauma care.

**The Bone and Joint Decade** has worked closely with the Archbishop and local authorities of Rio to mark the launch of the **Decade of Action for Road Safety** by a celebratory mass and the illumination of the Statue of Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro with the road safety "tag".



**The Bone and Joint Decade** works to reduce the burden and cost of musculoskeletal disorders to individuals, carers and society by promoting musculoskeletal health and science worldwide.

The Decade is endorsed by the UN and WHO, with declared support from over 60 governments. Launched by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan on November 30 1999, the Decade draws on the expertise of national academic, professional and patient organisations across the globe.

In 2010 the Decade renewed its mandate for another 10 years with the Vision "Keep People Moving".

Its global objective is to raise the recognition of the importance of musculoskeletal conditions at the global, regional and national levels.