

**Remarks Prepared for  
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**I am honored to participate in this important international gathering of NCAP colleagues from around the world. We have made great strides in vehicle safety in our respective countries in recent years. And now, with the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety well underway, we have even more momentum for advancing our safety agenda. I am delighted to renew my connection with all of you this week.**

**The UN Decade of Action is generating exciting new connections in our community and bringing resources to bear on road safety issues around the world. Yet even as we have aligned our efforts around the Decade of Road Safety, our NCAP activities continue to expand.**

**Since US NCAP was established in 1978, it has been exciting to see the subsequent development of new NCAPs throughout the world, as well as the IIHS. As we have gained strength, our collective efforts have resulted in numerous safety improvements over the years: manufacturers have responded to our vehicle safety rating and now use our star ratings information in their advertising campaigns. It is also heartening to see that consumers in different countries and cultures have come to expect new improvements in vehicle safety.**

**Our work is never done, of course. We share the goal of finding ways to improve our programs and promote the advancement of vehicle safety. Our future effectiveness depends on maintaining a robust exchange of information across our international community and a commitment to a process that is based on sound data and science.**