



# GLOBAL NCAP

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Dear Mr Akerson,

**Re: Vehicle Safety Standards**

Further to my letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> June, I am writing again to urge General Motors to voluntarily apply to all its passenger car production worldwide the United Nation's minimum crash test standards.

The latest results of the Latin New Car Assessment Programme released today show that the Chevrolet Agile has achieved a zero score safety rating. During the front impact test the dummies recorded high forces and the vehicle structure proved unstable, with almost all the welding spots in the foot well failing and the area bursting open. This disappointing result makes it very likely that the same model would also fail to pass the UN Forum for Harmonisation of Vehicle Regulation frontal collision test (Reg. 94<sup>1</sup>).

A key recommendation of the 'vehicle pillar' of the Global Plan for the UN Decade of Action 2011-2020 is to more widely apply the UN's crash test regulations. Global NCAP, therefore, hopes that General Motors will respond to the Global Plan and ensure that they do not produce sub-standard cars that fail to meet these minimum global safety standards. This would promote regulatory harmonisation and guarantee that levels of occupant protection that are legal requirements in Europe and North America are also applied in the rapidly growing automobile markets of Latin America and elsewhere.

We would also welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues further with you and look forward to receiving your response with much interest.

Yours sincerely

Max Mosley, Chairman, Global NCAP

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<sup>1</sup> or US Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards 208