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ARTICLE 1

The FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE L'AUTOMOBILE (FIA), a non-profit making world organization and an international association of national Automobile Clubs, Automobile Associations, Touring Clubs, and national Federations for motoring and for motor sport, was founded in 1904 and enjoys consultative status with the U.N. It has its Headquarters in Paris, or in such place as the General Assembly may determine.

The FIA shall refrain from manifesting racial, political or religious discrimination in the course of its activities and from taking any action in this respect.

ARTICLE 2 – OBJECT OF THE FIA

The object of the FIA shall be to establish a union between its members, chiefly with a view to:

- 1) Maintaining a world-wide organisation upholding the interests of its membership in all international matters concerning automobile mobility and tourism and motor sport.
- 2) Promoting freedom of mobility through affordable, safe, and clean motoring, and defending the rights of consumers when travelling by automobile.
- 3) Promoting the development of motor sport, enacting, interpreting and enforcing common rules applicable to the organization and running of motor sport events.
- 4) Promoting the development of the facilities and services of the Member Clubs, Associations and Federations of the FIA and the co-ordination of reciprocal services between Member Clubs for the benefit of their individual members when travelling abroad.
- 5) Exercising jurisdiction in respect of disputes of a sporting order and any disputes which might arise between its Members, or in relation to any of its Members having contravened the obligations laid down by the Statutes, the International Sporting Code and the Regulations.
- 6) Preserving and conserving all documents concerning world motoring in order to trace its History.

ARTICLE 3 – COMPOSITION OF THE FIA

May be Members of the FIA:

Members entitled to vote:

- 1) The National Automobile Clubs or National Automobile Associations (ACN). There can only be one per country. Its activity must embrace the whole of the national territory and cover road traffic, touring, the defence of the rightful interests of users and their safety on the one hand, and motor sport on the other hand. Moreover, the FIA must have granted it authority to exercise the Sporting Power. A Club only loses its authority of ACN if, because it no longer fulfils all the above mentioned conditions, the General Assembly of the FIA so decides.
- 2) Clubs, Associations or Federations the activity of which embraces the whole of the national territory and covers road traffic, touring, or camping.

Exceptionally may be admitted by virtue of the present article Clubs, Associations or Federations the activity of which does not cover the whole of the national territory, in particular when the said territory is very large and when the FIA is not already represented therein by an ACN.

If in any one country there is already an FIA affiliated Club, Association or Federation within the above categories 1 and 2, another organization belonging to category 2 can only be admitted after the Club already representing the country concerned has been consulted.

- 3) And, at the rate of only one per country, Clubs, Associations or Federations (ASN) the activity of which exclusively concerns motor sport and embraces the whole of the national

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territory, but only if, on proposal of the Committee, or at the request of the ACN supported by the World Motor Sport Council, the General Assembly has decided to relieve the said ACN of its sporting obligations. Once they are admitted into the FIA, the Clubs, Associations and Federations within this category shall be entrusted with the exercise of the Sporting Power.

The exercise of the Sporting Power shall be granted by the FIA to the ACN (paragraph 1) and the ASN (paragraph 3) categories, on condition that the holder exercises the said power in the interests of International Motor Sport and in accordance with the Statutes and Regulations of the FIA.

The exercise of the Sporting Power may be withdrawn:

- a) at the request of the Club holding the Sporting Power;
- b) by decision of the General Assembly;
- c) in pursuance of Article 4.

The ACN which, through a decision of the General Assembly, would no longer be authorized to exercise one of the normal activities of an ACN as specified above, shall no longer be entitled to take part in the discussions and votes on questions and matters which are no longer within its competence, but shall however be allowed to submit proposals relating to these questions and matters.

The same shall apply to the Clubs, Associations or Federations of categories 2 and 3 above, with regard to the activities which are not within their competence.

Associate Members not entitled to vote:

- 4) Any new Club, Association or Federation - which the General Assembly may accept on proposal of the Committee - which satisfies the requirements of paragraphs 1), 2) or 3) of the present article and initially without the right to vote.
- 5) Any Club, Association or Federation which satisfies the requirements of 1), 2) or 3) above, which has honoured its financial obligations and which may apply to become an Associate Member for an indefinite period.
- 6) Any international association the cooperation of which shall be considered desirable and useful by the General Assembly after the Committee has been consulted provided such association shall not have any activities which could affect the exercise of the Sporting Power.
- 7) In an individual capacity, on proposal of the Committee, personalities to whom the annual General Assembly will have awarded the title of "Président d'Honneur", "Vice-Président d'Honneur", or "Membre d'Honneur" of the FIA or of its representative bodies. In order to qualify for this title, these personalities must have rendered outstanding services to the FIA or to its Commissions for no less than 10 consecutive years, and must no longer perform any active functions within the FIA. They may attend the General Assembly but shall not be entitled to vote.
- 8) Associate Members may not vote at the General Assembly and their representatives are not eligible for election to the Committee. They may not enter any World Championship event on the Sporting Calendar, nor may the travel and hotel expenses of any member of their delegation for attendance at a General Assembly be reimbursed. In all other respects, their rights and obligations shall be those of full members.

ARTICLE 4 – SPORTING POWER

The General Assembly of the FIA shall be the sole international body governing motor sport, that is to say it shall hold the exclusive right to take all decisions concerning the organization, direction and management of International Motor Sport.

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The FIA shall recognize in each country and for all branches of motoring only one Sporting Power which under all circumstances shall remain responsible to the FIA; the holder of this power is the direct motor sport representative of its country within the FIA and is entrusted with having the international regulations laid down by the International Sporting Code of the FIA enforced in its country.

The holder of the Sporting Power may ask the FIA for authorization to renounce this power. If the General Assembly grants this authorization, it behoves the Assembly, on proposal of the World Motor Sport Council, to designate and admit within the FIA the organization which will henceforth exercise this Power.

Upon the decision of the General Assembly, the exercise of the Sporting Power shall be withdrawn, either temporarily or definitively, from any ACNs or ASNs failing to comply with the decisions of the International Sporting Authority (FIA).

ARTICLE 5 – EXERCISE OF THE SPORTING POWER

Normally, the Club, Association or Federation which has been entitled to exercise the Sporting Power shall exercise the said Power directly and throughout its national territory through its "Sporting Commission" which constitutes a special executive body.

The FIA must be kept informed of the composition of that body. At the request of the holder of the Sporting Power and on proposal of the World Motor Sport Council, the General Assembly exceptionally shall authorise the holder of the Sporting Power to exercise this power through another organisation to which the Sporting Power shall then be delegated.

The delegation may be:

- a) *Total* (i.e. covering all sporting activities), and in favour of one single organization functioning throughout the national territory.
- b) *Total* (i.e. covering all sporting activities), and in favour of one or several organizations functioning over a specific area of the territory.
- c) *Selective* (i.e. covering specific sporting activities), and in favour of one or more organisations exercising over the entire territory the functions which have been assigned to them.

The Club, Association or Federation having received authority to delegate its Sporting Power shall remain the holder of the said Power, and consequently shall remain responsible to the FIA for the use made of the Power.

Delegations are temporary. They may be revoked by decision of the FIA, at the request of the holder or, failing such a request, if the situation so requires. The facility provided for under paragraph a) above shall not be granted to Member Clubs, Associations and Federations of exclusively sporting competence (Article 3.3 of the Statutes).

ARTICLE 6 – OBLIGATIONS OF FIA MEMBERS

The Clubs, Associations or Federations which are members of the FIA shall, by the very fact of their admission into the FIA, agree to abide without reservation by the present Statutes. They shall undertake to do this when they file their application for membership. Likewise, they shall undertake to enforce in their respective countries the general regulations established by the FIA and the appendices thereto.

They shall also undertake to accept, observe, and enforce all decisions taken or sanctions imposed by the International Court of Appeal, the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism, the World Motor Sport Council, and the General Assembly.

The Members of the FIA must send to the Secretariat of the FIA a list of their affiliated groups and report all changes to that list. They may only accept as affiliated groups those which adhere to the present Statutes, to the general regulations established by the FIA and the appendices thereto.

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In the countries represented within the FIA, the Conventions regarding the FIA customs documents shall be reserved for its members. Organizations to which Article 3.3) applies may not join these Conventions.

ARTICLE 7 – STRUCTURE OF THE FIA

The structure of the FIA shall be the following:

- a President;
- a General Assembly;
- a Committee consisting of the FIA World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism and the FIA World Motor Sport Council;
- a Senate;
- an Audit Committee;
- the structures called the Automobile Mobility and Tourism Regions, formed in accordance with the terms of Article 20 of the present statutes;
- the FIA International Historic Commission;
- the specialized Motor Sport Commissions;
- any other permanent or temporary commission or sub-commission which the relevant World Council might decide to set up;
- an International Court of Appeal;
- a Secretariat.

The Members of the specialized Commissions will be elected by the General Assembly, and the Presidents of the specialized Commissions will be appointed by the relevant World Council.

The Members of the International Historic Commission will be elected by the General Assembly and the President of this Commission will be appointed by the Senate.

The FIA shall be directed by the Committee, under the conditions laid down in Article 12, under the control of the General Assembly, and be administered by the President assisted by the Secretary General for Automobile Mobility and Tourism and the Secretary General for Motor Sport.

ARTICLE 8 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly of the FIA shall be composed of the delegations of the FIA Member Clubs, Associations or Federations, each headed by its President or his representative.

If in one and the same country the FIA has several Member Clubs, Associations or Federations, these Clubs may be represented by the same delegate, provided the latter belongs to one of the Clubs, Associations or Federations which he represents.

A Member Club, Association or Federation which is unable to send a delegate to the General Assembly may be represented by the delegation of another country's Club, Association or Federation; however, no delegation shall be allowed to accept more than 1 proxy. Votes by correspondence will not be accepted.

In addition, the President may decide to invite to the General Assembly any person who, either by the body he represents or by his own personality may bring useful assistance to the General Assembly.

The Ordinary General Assembly shall be held annually ordinarily at the Headquarters of the FIA. This Assembly shall fix each year the date and venue of the following Assembly.

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The Annual General Assembly may decide to call, in the course of the year, meetings of other Extraordinary General Assemblies, for which it shall also fix the dates and venues.

Furthermore, either at the justified request of the Clubs, Associations or Federations of at least one fifth of the countries represented within the FIA, or following an appropriate resolution of the Senate, the President shall convene at the Headquarters of the FIA an Extraordinary General Assembly which shall meet within a period of 3 months from the decision or the request which shall include a well-founded draft agenda. To this compulsory agenda, each of the FIA World Councils may add any item it shall deem advisable to be dealt with by the Extraordinary General Assembly.

Notices convening General Assemblies shall be sent to the Presidents of the Member Clubs, Associations or Federations 2 months before the date fixed for the meeting. This period shall be reduced to 1 month and a half for notices convening Extraordinary General Assemblies, which must be accompanied by a complete agenda.

ARTICLE 9 – TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly shall have sovereign rights. Its main terms of reference shall be the following:

- 1) To determine the location of the FIA Headquarters.
- 2) To approve the annual progress reports of the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism and the World Motor Sport Council.
- 3) To approve the accounts of the previous financial year and the budget for the following year.
- 4) To elect for 4 years, by an absolute majority, a list which shall consist of:
 - the President of the FIA standing as leader of the list;
 - a President of the Senate;
 - a deputy President for Automobile Mobility and Tourism;
 - a deputy President for Sport;
 - 7 vice Presidents of the FIA for Automobile Mobility and Tourism from among the representatives proposed by the Automobile Mobility and Tourism Regions of the FIA, with at least one such vice President from each Region;
 - 7 vice Presidents of the FIA for Sport from among the candidates for the World Motor Sport Council proposed by the FIA member clubs holding the sporting power;
 - the 5 members of the Senate who are not members by right, provided always that each of the 4 FIA Regions for Automobile Mobility and Tourism shall have at least one representative on the Senate and at least four further members of the Senate shall represent an FIA member club which holds the sporting power;

If no list obtains an absolute majority, only the two lists that polled the most votes will remain in competition, and a second round of voting will be carried out in which the candidates on the list that obtains a simple majority of the votes cast will be elected.

Positions on the Committee and on the Senate may be held concurrently. A candidate from one list may not appear on another list. If such were the case, the candidate would be *ipso facto* ineligible. The mixing of names from different lists is prohibited.

- 5) To elect for 4 years by a simple majority of the votes cast:
 - i) the 17 members of the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism, who, together with the 7 vice Presidents elected on the successful list but excluding the members by right, shall number 11 members from Region I, 6 members from Region II, 4 members from Region III, and 3 members from Region IV;

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- ii) the 14 members of the World Motor Sport Council, other than the members by rights and the 7 vice Presidents elected on the successful list.
- 6) To elect each year, by a simple majority of the votes cast, one third of the Titular Members of the International Court of Appeal, as well as one third of the Deputy Members.
- 7) To elect for 4 years, by a simple majority of the votes cast, the Secretary General and the Counsel of the International Court of Appeal, on proposal of the Congress of the ICA.
- 8) To elect each year, by a simple majority of the votes cast, the Members of the Sporting Commissions, on the proposals of the World Motor Sport Council and the Members of the FIA International Historic Commission on the proposal of the Senate.
- 9) To approve, by a simple majority of the votes cast, the International Sporting Calendar, on proposal of the World Motor Sport Council.
- 10) To approve the amendments to the FIA Statutes and the proposals of the Committee regarding the admission of new Members into the FIA, the striking off the rolls or expelling of Members from the FIA, and any sanctions which might be imposed.
- 11) To approve, the Internal Regulations of the FIA.
- 12) To modify the International Sporting Code, on the proposal of the World Motor Sport Council.
- 13) To elect each year the 3 members of the Audit Committee, which examines in detail the accounts of the FIA and ensures the liaison with its auditors. Neither the President of the FIA nor the Deputy Presidents may be elected.
- 14) To approve the Specific Internal Regulations of the Audit Committee.

ARTICLE 10 – AGENDA OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Agenda of the General Assembly shall be sent to Member Clubs, Associations and Federations 35 days before the date fixed for the meeting. It must be accompanied by a report stating the proposals which will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval.

The Agenda must mention clearly, opposite each item, which of the Clubs, Associations or Federations are entitled to express their vote on the question.

In order to be placed on the Agenda of an Ordinary General Assembly, an item must reach the Secretariat of the FIA 6 weeks at least before the date fixed for the meeting, except for proposals which the President might consider to be particularly interesting and urgent, subject to the agreement of the majority of Members.

The proposals to be placed on the Agenda must be sufficiently detailed to permit a prior study of the matter.

Any proposal concerning amendments to the Statutes must necessarily be placed on the original Agenda and be sent to all Members 35 days before the meeting. No proposal of that nature can be added to the Agenda during the meeting of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 11 – VOTING AT GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

Clubs, Associations and Federations having competence in sporting as well as Automobile Mobility and Tourism matters (Article 3.1) shall have 2 votes each, but shall exercise only 1 vote each in respect of any election or other decision relating exclusively to motor sport and 1 vote each in respect of any election or decision relating exclusively to Automobile Mobility and Tourism.

Clubs, Associations and Federations which are not holders of the sporting power (Article 3.2) shall have 1 vote each which shall not be exercised in any election or decision relating exclusively to motor sport. If one country happens to be represented by more than one Club, Association or Federation concerned with Automobile Mobility and Tourism, each of these will have a vote to cast during the

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General Assembly on questions relating exclusively to Automobile Mobility and Tourism. On matters not relating exclusively to Automobile Mobility and Tourism, these will have to agree on the vote to be returned. Should they fail to agree or reach a majority decision, a blank vote will be cast.

Clubs, Associations and Federations of exclusively sporting competence (Article 3.3) shall have 1 vote each which shall not be exercised in any election or decision relating exclusively to Automobile Mobility and Tourism.

The decisions of the General Assemblies, both ordinary and extraordinary, shall be taken by an absolute majority apart from the exceptions provided for in these Statutes. In the event of equality, the President shall have the casting vote.

An absolute majority is made up of at least half plus one of the votes which could be cast at the General Assembly in accordance with these Statutes by the members present or validly represented.

A simple majority in the cases provided for in these Statutes is obtained when, in the same conditions, the number of votes cast in favour is greater than the number of votes cast against.

Votes on items added to the Agenda shall only be valid if at least half the Members are represented at the session.

The number of votes cast in each election shall be announced at the meeting and published in the minutes.

For the General Assembly, the quorum shall be set at one third of the FIA Member countries entitled to vote.

ARTICLE 12 – COMMITTEE: COMPOSITION

- 1) The Committee of the FIA shall consist of the President of the FIA, the President of the Senate, the members of the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism and the members of the World Motor Sport Council, including the respective Deputy Presidents; the two World Councils may meet separately. However, whenever the President considers it to be necessary, and at least once a year, he shall call a meeting of the Committee.

If, in the course of his term of office, the President of the FIA is permanently prevented from fulfilling his duties, or if he resigns, the Senate shall convene an Extraordinary General Assembly for the election of the President alone, to be held no less than 2 months and no more than 4 months from the date of such prevention or resignation.

This Extraordinary General Assembly shall elect, for the remainder of that term of office, the President of the FIA from among the candidates that the FIA member clubs will propose to fill that position. This residual term of office shall not count as a term of office for the purposes of the last sentence of Article 19.

If, in the course of his term of office, a Member of the Committee or of any other body of the FIA should cease to belong to the delegation of his Club, Association or Federation, the term of office of this Member would be terminated ipso facto.

- 2) Candidates proposed by the Clubs, Associations or Federations in a written statement, are eligible to stand for election to the Committee and to the Senate. They shall be elected for 4 years, except in situations provided for in Article 22: Interruption of Terms of Office, and shall be eligible for re-election.
- 3) *Presidents of the Commissions:* The Presidents of the Commissions of the FIA who are not Members of a World Council may be invited to attend sessions of the appropriate Council, but without being entitled to vote.
- 4) *Convening Notice:* Notices convening a World Council meeting shall be addressed by the President of the FIA to Members no less than 30 days prior to the meeting, save in the event of an emergency, when the time may be reduced to 10 days.

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- 5) *Voting at the Committee and at World Councils:* The decisions of the Committee or of the World Councils shall be carried by an absolute majority. In the event of equality, the President (or in his absence, the relevant Deputy President) shall have the casting vote.

Any Titular Delegate to a World Council unable to vote in person can give a proxy to his Deputy or to another Member to represent him at that Council, whose name he must communicate in writing to the secretariat of the FIA prior to the meeting. Each Member can receive only one proxy.

- 6) *Presentation of Accounts:* Each World Council shall present for approval by the Annual General Assembly its accounts for the past financial year and the draft budget for the next financial year, based on the report of the Senate.

ARTICLE 13 – THE WORLD COUNCIL FOR AUTOMOBILE MOBILITY AND TOURISM

The World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism shall consist of:

- the President of the FIA;
- the Deputy President;
- the 7 Vice-Presidents;
- the 17 Members;

a total of 26 Members of which 24, with the exception of the President and the Deputy President, shall be of different nationalities and represent the 4 Automobile Mobility and Tourism Regions in accordance with Article 9 paragraph 5.i.

ARTICLE 14 – THE WORLD MOTOR SPORT COUNCIL

The World Motor Sport Council shall consist of:

- the President of the FIA;
- the Deputy President;
- the 7 Vice-Presidents;
- the 17 Members;

a total of 26 Members who, with the exception of the President of the FIA, must represent an ASN having at least one event entered on the International Sporting Calendar of the current year, of whom 21, with the exception of the President, the Deputy President and the 3 Members by right, shall be of different nationalities.

Karting: Its sporting activities shall be directed by the International Karting Commission (CIK) which is one of the Sporting Commissions of the FIA, acting in accordance with article 21 – 5°) of the statutes.

The President of the CIK, the President of the FIA Sporting Manufacturers' Commission, and either a representative of the Formula One Constructors or the President of the Formula One Constructors Association appointed by the World Motor Sport Council shall be Members by right of the World Motor Sport Council. For questions concerning Formula One, the vote of the President of the Manufacturers' Commission may be exercised by another person if provision is made for this in the agreements which govern the Formula One World Championship.

No member of the World Motor Sport Council who sits as a representative of the interests of Formula One shall be entitled to participate in any decision regarding the authorisation of a new international series.

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ARTICLE 15 – TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORLD COUNCIL FOR AUTOMOBILE MOBILITY AND TOURISM

- 1) To review developments in the area of automobile mobility and tourism that concern Member Clubs and their members, to receive reports on the activities of the Council's Regions, to consider relevant activities undertaken at a world level by international governmental bodies and agencies, to review the development of the services of Member Clubs, to propose recommendations on issues and priorities for action, and to co-ordinate joint activities at a world level of Member Clubs and the Regions.
- 2) To approve the establishment of the Automobile Mobility and Tourism Regions in accordance with Article 20.
- 3) To manage the funds provided for in the budget for the operation of the automobile mobility and tourism activities.
- 4) To take the decisions required by the Direction of the FIA in the automobile mobility and tourism domains which are not reserved to the General Assembly, Committee or Senate.
- 5) To establish if required Permanent or Ad Hoc Commissions or Working Groups to assist the work of the World Council.
- 6) To present to the General Assembly its recommendations for the admission and the striking off the rolls or expelling of FIA Members, as well as for any sanctions which might be imposed.
- 7) To present to the General Assembly an annual progress report.
- 8) To propose to the General Assembly the personalities to whom the title of "Président d'Honneur", "Vice-Président d'Honneur" or "Membre d'Honneur" of the FIA or of its Commissions should be conferred.
- 9) To establish and gain approval by the General Assembly of the Internal Regulations of the FIA concerning automobile mobility and tourism activities.
- 10) To authorise the delegation to an appropriate international corporative body or association the management of the sale of international customs documents.
- 11) To settle any automobile mobility and tourism question which the General Assembly has forwarded to be dealt with.
- 12) Should the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism consider that the FIA's automobile mobility and tourism interests are not adequately defended, in a particular country or a specific territory the Council may, after consulting the organization affiliated to the FIA if any, take such steps as are in the opinion of the Council necessary and desirable to give effective representation to that country or territory in the various bodies of the FIA.
- 13) The World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism shall meet when convened by the President of the FIA as often as he deems it necessary and no less than twice a year.

ARTICLE 16 – TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORLD MOTOR SPORT COUNCIL

- 1) To see to the enforcement of the Statutes and the International Sporting Code.
- 2) To settle any sporting question which the General Assembly has forwarded to be dealt with.
- 3) To settle any question which cannot await the General Assembly of the FIA to be dealt with subject to the rights of the Committee and of the Senate expressed in these Statutes.
- 4) To take the decisions required by the Direction of the FIA in the sporting domains which are not reserved to the General Assembly, Committee or Senate.
- 5) To manage the funds provided for in the budget for the operation of the sport.

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- 6) To distribute to the Sporting Commissions the tasks they are to execute, to take decisions concerning the reports of these Commissions, and forward them to the Members of the FIA.
- 7) To present to the General Assembly its recommendations for the admission and the striking off the rolls or expelling of FIA Members, as well as for any sanctions which might be imposed.
- 8) To study the International Sporting Code with a view to identifying any possible modification to be proposed to the General Assembly.
- 9) To approve the Regulations and the list of races counting for the FIA Championships, Cups, Challenges and Trophies, and to recognize their results.
- 10) To propose to the General Assembly the personalities to whom the title of "Président d'Honneur", "Vice-Président d'Honneur" or "Membre d'Honneur" of the FIA or of its Commissions should be conferred.
- 11) To ensure that all records submitted under its jurisdiction be recognized as rapidly as possible.
- 12) To establish and obtain approval by the General Assembly of the Internal Regulations of the FIA concerning sporting activities.
- 13) To propose to the General Assembly the Members of the Sporting Commissions; to appoint the Presidents of the Commissions.
- 14) To make regular reports to the FIA Annual General Assembly on the activities of the World Motor Sport Council.
- 15) The World Motor Sport Council, if it deems it necessary, may include persons representative of certain categories or international corporative bodies concerned with motor sport in certain Sporting Commissions, after having proposed their membership to the General Assembly. These persons will be present in an advisory (but non-voting) capacity, after prior agreement of the ACN or ASN of the country concerned.
- 16) The World Motor Sport Council may, in the framework of the sport, constitute when necessary special geographical structures for organising, developing and controlling regional sporting activities. Each one of these structures must include at least one representative on the World Motor Sport Council elected under the conditions set down in the Internal Regulations of the FIA.
- 17) The World Motor Sport Council shall meet when convened by the President of the FIA as often as he deems it necessary and no less than 3 times a year.
- 18) Should the World Motor Sport Council consider that the sporting interests of the FIA are not adequately defended in a particular country or a specific territory, the Council may, after consulting the organization affiliated to the FIA if any, take such steps as are in the opinion of the Council necessary and desirable to give effective representation to that country or territory in the various bodies of the FIA.

ARTICLE 17 – THE SENATE

The Senate shall consist of 10 members comprising:

- the President of the Senate;

4 members by right, namely:

- the previous President of the FIA;
- the President of the FIA;
- the Deputy President for Automobile Mobility and Tourism;
- the Deputy President for Sport;

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and 5 further members elected by the General Assembly in accordance with Article 9.4 of these Statutes.

By delegation of the Committee by virtue of these Statutes, the Senate takes the decisions required by the management of the FIA when circumstances do not permit a meeting of the Committee or of the World Councils, especially in cases of emergency; decisions thus taken must be confirmed during the next meeting of the Committee or of the relevant World Council.

On proposal of its President the Senate may invite other Members to join in the study of specific questions. Such extra Members shall have no vote.

Acting on the advice of the Audit Committee, the Senate shall also close the accounts for last accounting period, prepare the draft budgets to be submitted to the World Councils, draw up a consolidated budget, and check the management of the budgets. It shall study and supervise all FIA financial problems in general.

On the request of the Committee or on its own initiative, the Senate shall also study all general problems of FIA policy. It shall submit its recommendations to the President of the FIA.

The Senate shall convene as required a Commercial Promotions sub-Committee with the following terms of reference:

- To consider all commercial and promotional proposals for FIA championships and series submitted by promoters on the advice of the relevant FIA sporting Commissions;
- To examine such proposals to ensure that they are consistent with competition policies, and avoid commercial conflicts of interest;
- To make recommendations on such proposals to the World Motor Sport Council, before approval of the championship or series in question.

The Senate shall each year propose to the General Assembly the Members of the FIA International Historic Commission – which shall include a candidate nominated by FIVA – and shall appoint the Chairman of such Commission.

The Senate shall be convened by its President each time he considers it to be necessary and at least twice per year.

Decisions of the Senate shall be carried by an absolute majority. In the event of equality, the President of the FIA shall have the casting vote.

ARTICLE 18 – THE FIA ACADEMY

The Academy shall consist of 8 members, of which 2 shall be members by right:

- the previous President of the FIA;
- the President of the FIA;
- and 6 further members elected by the General Assembly on proposal of the Senate for a mandate of 4 years.

One of these 8 members shall be elected President of the Academy for a mandate of 2 years by an absolute majority of the votes cast by the members of the Academy and on the proposal of the FIA President.

The Academy shall decide upon the award of prizes for exceptional merit or endeavour by individuals or organisations involved in motor sport and motoring on proposals submitted by affiliated clubs and members of the World Motor Sport Council and the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism.

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The Academy shall be convened by its President each time he considers it necessary and at least once each year.

The Academy shall adopt its own internal regulations and may appoint a Commission of Experts to assist in its work.

ARTICLE 19 – PRESIDENTS – DEPUTY PRESIDENTS – VICE-PRESIDENTS

The President of the FIA, the 2 Deputy Presidents, the President of the Senate and the 5 members of the Senate other than the members by right, and the Vice-Presidents of the FIA shall be elected for 4 years in accordance with Article 9-4 of these Statutes. They shall be eligible for re-election.

The President of the FIA will choose, after his election, the World Council which he will personally chair. The appropriate deputy President will chair the other World Council. In the absence of the President of the FIA, the deputy President for the World Council which the President chairs will chair it.

The President of the FIA will assign missions and delegate specific responsibilities to the Vice-Presidents and to the Deputy Presidents, the latter being also responsible to him for the coordination of the activities of their respective World Councils.

From October 2005, the President of the FIA may not serve more than two consecutive terms of office, subject always to Article 12.1.

ARTICLE 20 – THE AUTOMOBILE MOBILITY AND TOURISM REGIONS

- 1) The 4 Automobile Mobility and Tourism Regions shall be:
 - Region I – Europe, Middle East and Africa
 - Region II – Asia and Pacific
 - Region III – North America
 - Region IV – South America
- 2) Each region shall adopt Regional Internal Regulations. These regulations and any subsequent amendments must be approved by the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism and ratified by the FIA General Assembly. The Regional Internal Regulations must not contain any provisions contravening the statutes of the FIA, nor may a region be a legal entity.
- 3) Membership of the Region is open to any FIA Member ACN (Article 3.1) or Member Club (Article 3.2) from the relevant region. Newly affiliated Members shall automatically be Members of the Region concerned, that Region having given its opinion beforehand in pursuance of article 27 of these Statutes.
- 4) Each Region shall elect a Regional Council and a President. The Region shall also propose its representatives to the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism for election by the General Assembly.
- 5) Each Region shall determine autonomously its operating budget derived from the contributions of its own Members. The Region shall be authorised by the FIA to open a bank account in its own name, which it may operate under its own responsibility, the members of the Region being responsible severally in proportion to their membership fee share in the overall membership income should the Region be unable to honour its commitments.
- 6) Each Region may carry out joint activities among member Clubs within the Region provided that these are consistent with both the objects of the FIA as set out in Article 2, and the general policies of the FIA as determined by the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism and the General Assembly.

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- 7) Each Regional Council may establish Permanent or Ad Hoc Regional or sub-Regional Councils, Commissions, or Working Groups to assist its work as required.
- 8) Each Region shall report on its activities at least annually to the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism.
- 9) A Region may not be terminated except by the General Assembly following a proposal formulated by a Plenary Assembly of the Region at which no less than two-thirds of the active members are present or validly represented and by a majority vote. Regional Internal Regulations shall determine the applicable procedure. In the event of the termination of a Region their elected representatives lose their mandates, and the Secretary General for Automobile Mobility and Tourism of the FIA shall, with the guidance of the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism take such steps as are necessary to maintain a transitional regional structure. In the event of the termination of a Region the General Assembly on a recommendation of the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism shall review the Regional structure of the FIA and decide upon its re-apportionment.

ARTICLE 21 – SPORTING COMMISSIONS

- 1) The World Motor Sport Council shall be assisted in its tasks by specialized Sporting Commissions and Working Parties attached either to such commissions or directly to the Council. The Presidents and Members of the Sporting Commissions shall be elected every year by the General Assembly on proposal of the World Motor Sport Council. They shall be eligible for re-election.

The Sporting Commissions may include the following:

- Medical Commission
- Homologation Commission
- Rally Commission
- Historic Motor Sport Commission
- Off-Road Commission
- Hill-Climb Commission
- Formula One Commission
- Circuits Commission
- Safety Commission
- Manufacturers' Commission
- Land Speed Records Commission
- Touring Car Commission
- Electric and New Energy Championships Commission
- Drag Racing Commission
- Cross-Country Rally Commission
- Endurance Commission
- Truck Racing Commission
- World Rally Championship Commission
- International Karting Commission (CIK)
- Grand Touring Car Commission
- Women and Motor Sport Commission
- Officials and Volunteers Commission

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- Single-Seaters Commission

- 2) The Sporting Commissions shall be set up or dissolved by the World Motor Sport Council and their functions shall be determined by the Internal Regulations of the FIA.
- 3) The Sporting Commissions shall meet according to a plan established with the agreement of the President of the FIA and as often as shall be necessary for the performance of their mission. The number and dates of these meetings shall not necessarily coincide with those of the World Motor Sport Council.
- 4) The Sporting Manufacturers' Commission shall comprise manufacturers having at least one car homologated by the FIA. Its President shall be appointed by the World Motor Sport Council. Its internal structure and functioning and the terms of reference of its Members shall be defined by the Internal Regulations of the FIA.
- 5) The object of the International Karting Commission (CIK), which has an administration and specialized working groups, shall be to develop, promote, co-ordinate, and regulate Karting-related activities around the world, under the supervision of the World Motor Sport Council.

Besides the reports drawn up regularly relating to the execution of its mission, the CIK annually adopts, and submits to the World Motor Sport Council for approval, a full financial report including the budget covering all the activities of the CIK.

The rules defining the composition and attributions of the CIK and the running of its meetings are set out in its Internal Regulations.

ARTICLE 22 – INTERRUPTION OF TERMS OF OFFICE

If, for one of the following reasons - death, voluntary retirement or ceasing to belong to his Club's delegation - a Member of the Committee other than those elected in accordance with article 9.4, cannot complete his term of office, the vacant seat shall be filled by co-option for the remainder of the term by the relevant body, to be submitted to the next General Assembly for ratification. Save for the President to whom article 12 applies, those referred to in article 9.4 will be replaced in the event of death, voluntary retirement or ceasing to belong to their Club's delegation, by the General Assembly on proposal of the President of the FIA. In the case of commissions, the vacant seat shall be filled by simple co-option.

ARTICLE 23 – INTERNATIONAL COURT OF APPEAL

1. *Missions:* The International Court of Appeal (ICA) shall be entrusted with judging definitively any dispute or conflict resulting from the application of the present Statutes, of the Statutes of the body governed by Swiss law or of the rules decreed by the FIA, with settling any dispute of a sporting nature arising between members of the FIA, and with hearing any litigation of a sporting nature which may be submitted to it by the President of the FIA.

It will also hear:

- 1) Appeals brought by members of the FIA from decisions taken by the bodies of the FIA in application of the present Statutes (affiliations, striking off the rolls, sanctions, etc.).
- 2) Appeals from decisions of the National Sporting Authorities or their judicial bodies, subject always to the provisions set out in the first paragraph of Article 180 of the International Sporting Code. Appeals by organisers, competitors, drivers or other licence-holders may be brought only by the National Sporting Authorities to which they belong.
- 3) Appeals from decisions of the stewards of the meeting where the parties concerned have jointly decided to submit the appeal not to the National Court of Appeal of the country of the event but directly to the International Court of Appeal with the assistance and agreement of their respective National Sporting Authorities.

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- 4) Appeals from decisions of the stewards of the meeting, lodged by at least one of the parties concerned, in the context of an event of a major FIA Championship, the list of these Championships being updated periodically by the World Motor Sport Council. In this case, the ASNs cannot refuse to give their assistance and agreement.
- 5) Appeals brought by National Sporting Authorities on behalf of organisers, competitors, drivers, other licence-holders or any other person or organisation which has been the subject of a sanction pronounced by the World Motor Sport Council.
- 6) Appeals brought by the FIA, under the authority of its President:
 - from decisions of the stewards of the meeting at events counting towards the FIA championships,
 - from decisions of the ASNs or of their judicial authorities.

Arbitrational competence: Two or more FIA affiliated members wishing to have their disputes of a sporting or statutory nature definitively settled through arbitration may request the FIA President to refer the matter to the ICA.

Consultative competence: The President of the FIA may also refer a matter to the ICA in order to obtain a non-binding interpretation regarding the application of the sporting or statutory rules enacted by the FIA. In order to reach an informed interpretation, the ICA may call upon any expert, witness, or person showing proof of relevant and recognised experience.

2. *Composition:* The ICA shall comprise a maximum of 18 Titular Members of different nationalities to whom are added an equivalent number of Deputy Members of the same nationalities as the Titular Members. Upon the terms set out in the Rules of the ICA, the Titular and Deputy Members may be joined in the performance of the ICA's duties by a minority of non-member judges.

3. *Secretary General of the International Court of Appeal:* A Secretary General of the ICA, shall be elected for 4 years by the General Assembly on proposal of the Congress of the ICA. The Secretary General of the ICA, whose role and remit are described in the Rules of the FIA ICA, shall each year submit a report to the General Assembly on the activities of the ICA.

4. *The Counsel to the ICA:* A Counsel to the ICA shall be elected for 4 years by the General Assembly on proposal of the Congress of the International Court of Appeal. The Counsel whose role and remit are described in the Rules of the ICA shall assist the ICA in an exclusively advisory role.

5. *Congress:* The Congress of the ICA shall comprise the 18 Titular Members and have the following remit:

- It elects from among its members a President and a Vice-President for a one-year term.
- It may propose amendments to the Rules of the FIA International Court of Appeal, for decision by the FIA General Assembly.
- It proposes the Secretary General of the ICA for election by the FIA General Assembly for a four-year term.
- It proposes the Counsel of the ICA for election by the FIA General Assembly for a four-year term.
- It reviews the functioning of the ICA.
- It examines any grounds for complaint against Members or Deputy Members who are alleged not to have complied with the obligations of Article 5 of the Rules of the FIA ICA.

The functioning of the Congress is described in the Rules of the ICA.

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6. Procedure and Hearings of the ICA: The procedure and the hearings must take place in accordance with the conditions set out in the Rules of the ICA.

ARTICLE 23BIS – ANTI-DOPING APPEALS

Notwithstanding Article 23 or the other provisions of the present Statutes, the International Sporting Code may specify that an appropriately specialised external appeals body be recognised to finally settle all appeals arising from the application of the FIA's Anti-Doping Regulations.

ARTICLE 24 – THE FOUNDING MEMBERS' CLUB

Composition: The Founding Members' Club shall consist of a representative from each of the 14 founding Members of the FIA.

Presidency: The Presidency of the Founding Members' Club shall be exercised by one of the founding members for a two-year period, but no more than once over a ten year period, and beginning with the representative of the Automobile Club de France. The President shall be assisted by two Vice-Presidents who shall be designated by the President every two years from among the 14 founding members. The President and the two Vice-Presidents shall propose the President's successor.

Missions: The Founding Members' Club shall have the mission of:

- Preserving the history and heritage of the FIA, consistent with Article 2.6 of the Statutes;
- Initiating events and celebrations in relation to the history and heritage of the FIA;
- Proposing to the General Assembly the names of personalities to whom the title of "Président d'Honneur", "Vice-Président d'Honneur" or "Membre d'Honneur" of the FIA or of its Commissions should be conferred, in accordance with Article 3.7 of the Statutes;
- Giving advice, at the request of the President of the FIA, on matters relating to the FIA's traditions and fundamental objects.

The Founding Members' Club may appoint a working group, made up of representatives of the Members of the FIA and/or experts, to carry out any of the above-mentioned missions.

The Founding Members' Club shall be convened by its President each time he may consider it necessary and at least once a year.

The Founding Members' Club may invite former Presidents of member organisations of the Founding Members' Club to attend its meetings

ARTICLE 25 – ADMINISTRATION

The administrative business shall be handled at the FIA Headquarters, to which all correspondence must be addressed.

This administrative secretariat is placed under the joint responsibility of the Secretary General for Automobile Mobility and Tourism and the Secretary General for Motor Sport, who must coordinate its operation and activities with those of the body governed by Swiss law and called Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA).

The FIA Secretary General for Automobile Mobility and Tourism and the FIA Secretary General for Motor Sport are designated and dismissed by the President of the FIA in agreement with the relevant World Council.

The Secretary General for Automobile Mobility and Tourism, who shall participate in the implementation of the general policies of the FIA led by the President and framed by the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism. He shall maintain contact with affiliated Clubs and the various

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organizations with which the FIA collaborates on automobile mobility and tourism matters. In carrying out his duties, he shall collaborate closely with the Regions.

He shall be responsible for the fulfilment of all administrative tasks of the FIA in automobile mobility and tourism activities. He shall be responsible for coordination with the Sporting Secretariat, which shall keep him informed of its activities.

The Secretary General for Motor Sport shall participate in the implementation of the general policies of the FIA led by the President and framed by the World Motor Sport Council. He shall maintain contact with affiliated Clubs and the various organizations with which the FIA collaborates on sporting matters. In carrying out his duties, he shall collaborate closely with the secretaries of the various FIA Sporting Commissions. He shall be responsible for the fulfilment of all administrative tasks of the FIA in sporting activities. He shall coordinate with the Automobile Mobility and Tourism Secretariat, which shall keep him informed of all its activities.

The Secretary General for Automobile Mobility and Tourism and the Secretary General for Motor Sport shall perform their duties under the supervision of the President of the FIA. They shall attend the meetings of their respective FIA bodies in a consultative capacity.

The personnel of the Administrative Secretariat of the FIA shall be engaged, dismissed and directed by the President of the FIA. They shall be remunerated from the FIA budget.

ARTICLE 26 – FINANCES

- 1) *Resources* : The resources of the FIA shall be derived from :
 - a) the annual subscriptions paid by its Members;
 - b) income and interests from any personal estate or real estate which the FIA might own;
 - c) any fees and taxes which the Committee and the General Assembly should decide to collect;
 - d) income arising directly or indirectly from sporting activities, including the FIA Championships.
 - e) Income arising directly or indirectly from Automobile Mobility and Tourism activities.
- 2) *Subscriptions*: The subscription of every FIA Member shall be payable by 31st March of each year. The scale shall be fixed by the annual General Assembly.

On the 1st April of each year, the Presidents of the Clubs, Associations or Federations which have not yet paid their subscriptions shall be notified that they must effect their settlements. The Clubs, Associations or Federations which have not settled their subscriptions for the current year 30 days prior to the date of the General Assembly may not vote.

Likewise, Clubs, Associations or Federations which, without a reason which the Senate recognises as valid, have not settled all financial commitments which were already due 6 months before the date of the General Assembly, shall not be allowed to vote.

- 3) *Temporary suspension*: Clubs, Associations or Federations which have not paid their subscription for the previous year or which have not settled all the financial obligations which were already due the previous year without being able to give a reason which the Senate accepts as valid, shall automatically be suspended after a formal demand by registered letter is sent with official confirmation of receipt.

Suspension shall entail the loss of the right to vote at the General Assembly, as well as incapacity to propose candidates for election to the Committee or to apply for the registration of a World Championship event on the International Sporting Calendar. Suspension precludes the refunding of travel and accommodation expenses relating to the General Assembly. Representatives elected to the Committee at the time of suspension, shall remain on the

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Committee until the end of their mandate. Such Clubs, Associations or Federations shall cease to be suspended as soon as all financial obligations have been met.

- 4) *Financial year*: The financial year starts on 1st January and ends on 31st December.
- 5) *Funds*: Sums of money may be drawn only on cheques bearing 2 signatures from among those accepted by the President and the Committee.

ARTICLE 27 – ADMISSIONS

Clubs, Associations or Federations wishing to join the FIA must send to its Secretariat an application in due form signed by the President and 1 of the Members of the Committee or the Board of Directors. They must also send 2 copies of their Statutes and a membership list of their Committee or their Board of Directors, as well as any information that might be asked of them.

If the Association presenting the request belongs to a country where the FIA is already represented, the Secretariat of the FIA shall inform any member Club, Association or Federation of that country and the Region concerned in accordance with article 20 which shall state, within one month, whether they object to this request. The position adopted by such Club, Association or Federation and the Region concerned shall be communicated to the Committee, for its opinion, and subsequently submitted to the General Assembly which shall decide by sovereign right.

Admissions are granted provisionally by the General Assembly for 2 years on recommendation of the appropriate World Council. At the expiry of that period, a further vote is required for the admission to become final. If the vote relating to the final admission is not carried, the applicant may be maintained under temporary affiliation. Members affiliated provisionally have the status of Associate Members.

ARTICLE 28 – RESIGNATIONS - STRIKING OFF THE ROLLS - EXPELLING - SANCTIONS

- a) *Resignations*: Resignations must be given by 31st March of each year in a registered letter signed by the President and one of the Members of the Committee or the Board of Directors. Past that date, the subscription for the current year shall be due.

Resignations shall be submitted to the General Assembly for recording. They may be recorded at the date on which they are given.

- b) *Striking off the rolls*: Member Clubs, Associations or Federations whose Statutes or activity, in the opinion of either of the World Councils, no longer meet what the FIA expects of them, or which have not met their financial commitments with respect to the FIA or to the other Members of the FIA may be struck off the rolls - in particular when they have defaulted in the payment of their financial obligations on several occasions without being able to give a valid reason and it has been deemed that the sanctions set out in Article 26 are no longer sufficient or adequate.

Striking off the rolls shall be pronounced by the General Assembly, on recommendation of either of the World Councils.

- c) *Expulsion*: The Clubs, Associations or Federations which, in the opinion of either of the World Councils, have seriously infringed the regulations of the FIA, may be liable to expulsion. Expulsion shall be pronounced by the General Assembly, on recommendation of a World Council.
- d) *Procedures in case of striking off or expulsion*: Every member Club, Association or Federation which a World Council proposes to expel shall be entitled to state its case. To this end:
 - the Club, Association or Federation concerned shall be informed by registered letter with official acknowledgement of receipt of the measure proposed against it and of the reasons put forward to justify the said measure;

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- the Club, Association or Federation concerned shall be invited - with 30 days' notice - to appear in the person of one of its legal representatives before the relevant World Council and the General Assembly to state its case;
- the deliberations of the relevant World Council and of the General Assembly shall take place without the representative of the Club, Association or Federation concerned being present.

Save if the General Assembly should decide otherwise, striking off the rolls and expulsion shall take effect as from the date of the decision. In either case, subscriptions relating to the current year shall accrue to the FIA.

- e) *Sanctions*: Sanctions such as striking off the rolls, expulsions, or withdrawal of Sporting Power shall be pronounced by the General Assembly in compliance with the procedure provided for in the Statutes.

In addition, the World Motor Sport Council may directly impose the sanctions provided for in the International Sporting Code, and where appropriate the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism may impose fines on or demand the exclusion from FIA bodies or international sporting events of licence holders, executive officers or members of ASNs or ACNs:

- 1) who have contravened the Statutes and Regulations of the FIA;
- 2) who have taken part in an event or a Championship not entered on the International Calendar;
- 3) who have pursued an objective contrary or opposed to those of the FIA;
- 4) who have refused to apply decisions of the FIA;
- 5) who by words, deeds or writings have inflicted moral injury and loss on the FIA, a World Council, their Members or their executive officers.

Sanctions proposed by a World Council shall be subject to appeal to the International Court of Appeal which shall take the final decision after hearing the appellants.

ARTICLE 29 – DISSOLUTION

The present Federation shall be established without limit in time. Dissolution may only be pronounced by an Extraordinary General Assembly especially convened for this purpose. The vote must be carried by no less than two thirds of the votes cast, according to the conditions laid down in Article 11 above. If it has not been possible to decide dissolution under these conditions, a further Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened after a period of no less than 3 months, and this Assembly shall be able to pronounce on simple majority of the votes cast. Furthermore, in both cases, the Members present or represented must number two thirds of the Clubs, Associations or Federations composing the FIA at the time of voting.

In the event of dissolution of the Federation, the assets it holds at that moment shall be transferred, by decision of the Committee, to one or more renowned institutions whose objective are as close as possible to those of the Federation.

On no account may the Federation's assets at the time of dissolution be transferred to the members or used totally or partly for their benefit, nor returned to the founding members.

ARTICLE 30 – AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

Amendments to the present Statutes shall be decided only in General Assembly provided they were on the original agenda and had been communicated within the statutory time limits to all the FIA Members.

FIA STATUTES

Adopted by the Extraordinary General Assembly of 22 March 2001,
subsequently modified by: the Ordinary General Assembly of 5 October 2001,
the Ordinary General Assembly of 2 October 2002,
the Ordinary General Assembly of 16 October 2003,
the Extraordinary General Assembly of 1st July 2004,
the General Assembly of 14 October 2004,
the Extraordinary General Assembly of 31st March 2005,
the Ordinary General Assembly of 20 October 2006,
the Ordinary General Assembly of 26 October 2007,
by the Ordinary General Assembly of 7 November 2008,
by the Ordinary General Assembly of 23 October 2009
and by the Ordinary General Assembly of 5 November 2010.

ARTICLE 31 – INTERPRETATION TO THE STATUTES

The present Statutes shall be printed in English, in Spanish and in French. In case of misunderstanding, dispute, etc. on their interpretation, the French text shall be definitive.