



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE L'AUTOMOBILE

Le Président

To all FIA member Clubs

26 June 2009

Dear President,

I am writing to you about the events of this past week regarding Formula One, which have generated considerable publicity, not all of it accurate. As FIA member clubs I believe it is important that you have all the facts before you.

As you will have read, on Wednesday an agreement was reached between the FIA and the Formula One Teams Association (FOTA) that preserved Formula One and the FIA's role as the governing body of the sport. This agreement followed several difficult weeks during which I maintained that the cost of Formula One had to be reduced and that additional private teams had to be included. As a result of the negotiations, the two goals of reduced cost and the inclusion of additional teams have been met. With this outcome secured I publicly reconfirmed my decision of last year not to seek re-election at the General Assembly in October.

Unfortunately, some have sought to interpret this outcome as a back-down by the FIA and a coup by teams wishing to remove me from my post. There have even been claims that I have ceased to fulfil my role as President effective immediately. These claims are completely false.

I will continue to fulfil my role as FIA President up until and including our General Assembly in October. For me to do otherwise would be to betray the support I received last year when my role as President was confirmed by FIA Clubs at the Extraordinary General Assembly.

In regard to the claims that the FIA was somehow bullied into submission by teams, I can only again stress that the FIA achieved the two goals it set itself – that of very significantly reduced costs and additional teams.

The other matter that concerns me greatly is comments by FOTA about who should or should not be the next President of the FIA. The question of FIA President is a matter exclusively for you, the member clubs of the FIA, and most definitely not for the vehicle manufacturers who make up FOTA.

To have an FIA President under the influence of vehicle manufacturers would put at jeopardy all the excellent work our organisation and your clubs do in promoting better safety and environmental outcomes in the vehicle fleet. If nothing else, this attempt to tell FIA members

who they should or should not elect demonstrates precisely why the FIA needs a strong President who is experienced and knowledgeable about motor sport, in particular Formula One, as well as general motoring matters.

We must also not forget the recent extraordinary intervention of the European Car Manufacturers' Association (ACEA), which I described to you in my letter of 23 June. There is no question that ACEA would like to diminish the role of the FIA and our member clubs as defenders of the interests of motorists generally.

We must continue to defend the independence of the FIA, even if this leads to difficulties in the sport. I have enclosed a copy of a letter I have sent to the President of FOTA this week expressing my concerns. I sincerely hope it leads to an end to the falsehoods being peddled in the media.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Max Mosley', written in a cursive style.

Max Mosley