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WORLD MOTOR SPORT COUNCIL

The World Motor Sport Council met in Paris on June 30, 2004. The following decisions were taken:

FORMULA ONE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The World Motor Sport Council discussed the current performance level of Formula One cars noting that recent accidents have tested the absolute limits of the FIA's latest safety measures (Felipe Massa in Canada and Ralf Schumacher in the USA) and that speeds have increased very significantly over the last seven years.

Date		Imola	Melbourne	Monaco
1998	Practice	1.25.973	1.30.010	1.19.798
1999	Practice	1.26.336	1.30.462	1.20.547
2000	Practice	1.24.714	1.30.556	1.19.475
2001	Practice	1.23.054	1.26.892	1.17.430
2002	Practice	1.21.091	1.25.843	1.16.676
2003	Practice	1.20.628	1.27.173	1.14.749
2004	Practice	1.19.753	1.24.408	1.13.985

1998	Race	1.29.345	1.31.649	1.22.948
1999	Race	1.28.547	1.32.112	1.22.259
2000	Race	1.26.523	1.31.481	1.21.571
2001	Race	1.25.524	1.28.214	1.19.424
2002	Race	1.24.170	1.28.541	1.18.023
2003	Race	1.22.491	1.27.724	1.14.545
2004	Race	1.20.411	1.24.125	1.14.439

The World Motor Sport Council unanimously decided formally to require the Formula One Technical Working Group to propose measures to reduce the performance of the cars in accordance with Article 7.5 of the Concorde Agreement.

If there is no agreement and the FIA is forced to follow the entire Article 7.5 procedure, the measures it will impose will be announced in October and come into force three months later, in time for the 2005 season.

The following dates were blocked for the 2005 FIA Formula One Championship:

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March 6	July 3
March 20	July 17
April 3	July 31
April 17	August 21
April 24	September 4
May 8	September 11
May 22	September 25
June 5	October 9
June 12	October 23
June 26	

WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Hyundai Motor Company

The Hyundai Motor Company is to be invited to the October meeting of the World Motor Sport Council in connection with its early withdrawal from the 2003 FIA World Rally Championship.

TOURING CARS

Approved the creation of an FIA World Touring Car Championship starting in 2005.

2005 FIA World Touring Car Championship

Date	Country	Name of the event
March 06	RA	Buenos Aires
April 03	I	Monza
April 24	F	Magny-Cours
May 08	GB	Donington-Park
May 22	CZ	Brno
June 26	TBA	TBA
July 31	B	Spa-Francorchamps
September 04	D	Oschersleben
September 25	TR	Istanbul
November 20	CN	Macau

HISTORIC MOTORSPORT COMMISSION

Approved the publication of an updated 'Question and Answer' paper regarding Historic Technical Passports and FIA Heritage Certificates on the FIA website together with details of the new FIA Heritage Certificate on which those interested in Historic vehicles will be asked to comment with a view to a final version in October.

SAFETY COMMISSION

Agreed the introduction of the HANS device in the FIA Championships for closed cars as follows:

- FIA GT Championship: obligatory from September 1, 2004;
- FIA Touring Car Championship: obligatory from January 1, 2005;
- FIA World Rally Championship: obligatory from January 1, 2005 for all drivers and co-drivers entered by Manufacturers registered in the Championship.

KARTING

The World Motor Sport Council rejected the report of the Working Group on Karting technical regulations and asked for new proposals to be presented in the October meeting.

Paris, June 30, 2004

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