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A NEW ERA BEGINS

MOHAMMED BEN SULAYEM ELECTED FIA PRESIDENT

Yesterday's FIA Annual General Assembly marked the end of the 12-year presidency of Jean Todt and the election of a new leader for the Federation, UAE's Mohammed Ben Sulayem.



Mohammed Ben Sulayem was yesterday elected President of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) following the FIA Annual General Assembly in Paris.

Ben Sulayem received 61.62% of the votes of FIA Member Clubs compared with 36.62% for Britain's Graham Stoker and abstentions were 1.76%. The Emirati candidate will therefore succeed Jean Todt, whose third term as President came to an end yesterday.

Elected for a four-year term, he appointed Carmelo Sanz de Barros as President of the Senate, Robert Reid as Deputy President for Sport and Tim Shearman as Deputy President for Automobile Mobility and Tourism.

Speaking at the Assembly, the new FIA President said: «I am very honoured to have been elected FIA President at the conclusion of the Annual General Assembly in Paris. I thank all the Member Clubs for their esteem and trust. I congratulate Graham for his campaign and his engagement to the Federation. I wish to express my infinite gratitude in the name of the FIA and its Members to Jean Todt for all that has been achieved over the past 12 years. I am committed to pursuing the important work and make Motor Sport and Mobility take further steps forward.»

Former FIA President Jean Todt said: «A chapter has come to an end. We can be collectively satisfied with our achievements in motor sport and safe and sustainable mobility over the past 12 years. I would like to warmly thank my team, our administration and all our Member Clubs for their unwavering commitment, enthusiasm and resilience. I congratulate Mohammed on his election as FIA President and wish him, his team, and the Federation the best of success for the years to come.»

President Ben Sulayem's election also provided for the election of his full Presidential List and, as well as the posts of Deputy Presidents and Senate President, seven new Vice-Presidents were also confirmed: Vice-President for Sport (Middle East) Abdulla Al Khalifa; Vice-President for Sport (Africa) Rodrigo Ferreira Rocha; Vice-President for Sport (North America) Daniel Coen; Vice-President for Sport (South America) Fabiana Ecclestone; Vice-President for Sport (Asia-Pacific) Lung-Nien Lee, and two Vice-Presidents for Sport in Europe, Anna Nordkvist and Manuel Aviñó Roger.

Aside from the central business of the Presidential election, yesterday's Assembly made a number of other key decisions relating to the future of the Federation.

The Assembly approved the election to the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism of 18 candidates from proposals received from FIA Automobile Mobility and Tourism Regions and validated by the Nominations Committee.

The Assembly also elected 14 new members to the World Motor Sport Council. Elsewhere, the Assembly agreed to a number of amendments to the International Sporting Code. Chief among the 14 changes made were provisions for remote officiating at events, a new definition of Drifting and the aligns of the Code with new Financial Regulations in Formula E.

Due to the current global situation, the Assembly approved a change by which events officials can operate remotely with substitutes permitted in championships, cups, challenges, trophy or series. Remote operation will only be allowed under exceptional circumstances and at least one of the stewards appointed by the FIA must attend in person. For stewards in FIA World Championships remote operation is possible, save in the case of the chair of the panel of stewards who is excluded from remote work.

The Assembly approved a new definition of Drifting which classifies as a competition in which drivers compete by aiming to accurately follow a pre-determined course. Scoring will be done by judges, based on a combination of line, angle, style and speed. Drifting can take place on either permanent or temporary closed courses, with two forms of competition permitted: Solo Drifting and/or Tandem/Battle Drifting.

With new Financial Regulations for Season 9 of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship approved by the World Motor Sport Council earlier this week, the Assembly approved the alignment of the ISC with the new rules. Two sets of Financial Regulations are to be introduced to monitor and control spending levels of competitors: one for Teams and one for Manufacturers.

In the area of membership, the Assembly approved the delegation of Sporting Power from the Chinese Taipei Motor Sports Ltd (CTMS) to the Chinese Taipei Motor Sports Association (CTMSA) in order to allow the Club to select and train a national team for the FIA MotorSport Games for 2022.

Angola's Federação Angolana de Desportos Motorizados, the Hellenic Motorsport Federation in Greece, the Automobile Federation of Moldova, the National Automobile Club of Uzbekistan, the Vietnamese Motorsports Association LLC and Canada's Groupe de Développement Sportif were also granted definitive affiliation with the Federation.

Finally, a number of honorary memberships of the FIA were conferred, with former President Jean Todt being made *Président d'Honneur* of the Federation. Former FIA Vice-Presidents Angelo Sticchi Damiani, José Abed and Wan Heping were made *Vice-Présidents d'Honneur*, Michel Ferry was appointed *Membre d'Honneur*, while Gérard Saillant, Rod Parkin and Giuseppe Muscioni were all given the title of *Président d'Honneur de Commission*.





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