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## FIA ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

# RESPONSIVE, RESILIENT AND CREATIVE

FIA President Jean Todt brought the 2020 FIA Annual General Assembly to a close by highlighting the impressive response of the Federation and its Member Organisations to an unprecedented crisis.



The FIA's series of year-ending meetings drew to a close today, with FIA President Jean Todt telling a virtual General Assembly that while COVID-19 had resulted in significant challenges for the FIA and its Member Organisations, the Federation as a whole had responded to the crisis with great fortitude. He saluted the responsiveness, resilience and spirit of innovation shown by the Clubs during the pandemic.

"Since the beginning of the health crisis, adaptability and creativity have been at the heart of our actions at the FIA. Faced with this situation, our aim has been clear: to support you using all the means at our disposal, and to be able to do so, we had to preserve our ecosystem, to ensure the rapid and efficient return of our FIA activities and finally, to make sure the sport could restart as soon as possible. And we made it.

"This health emergency has reminded us of the reality that we had for the most part forgotten: our vulnerability and the fragility

of the human condition. This pushes us to work even more closely together to help each other overcome the difficulties 2020 has imposed on us."

Referencing the Sport pillar, the FIA President said that restarting sport in the wake of the first wave of the pandemic had been a priority and he paid tribute to the efforts of Formula 1 in becoming the first international sport competition to restart in 2020.

He also thanked "our National Sporting Authorities, drivers, teams, promoters, officials, volunteers, FIA staff, we found safe and innovative ways to continue presenting our sport to millions of fans everywhere in the world". He added that in total, 526 motor sport events on the international calendar registered by 53 ASNs had been staged during 2020.

Overall, he added, motor sport had "demonstrated cohesion and solidarity" in a "time of great uncertainty".

In the area of Mobility, President Todt said that the crisis had highlighted a range of new challenges that the FIA and its Member Clubs are "beginning to address together in order to reach our common goal: safe and sustainable mobility".

In the area of road safety, he said that following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety, held in Stockholm in February, the UN General Assembly adopted a new resolution on Improving Global Road Safety that sets an ambitious target for the next 10 years and proclaims the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety.

"2020 has shown us that change is possible and that we don't have to accept the status quo as a norm. We can now imagine a different vision," he said. "We, FIA and Member Clubs, in





conjunction with our key partners and stakeholders, are well placed to drive, lead and contribute to this new safe mobility culture and this is a strong shift. This is at the heart of the new road safety advocacy strategy, which was presented and endorsed at the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism on Tuesday, and which will continue to chart our future path."

He also spoke about the Federation's commitment to act on sustainability, saying: "Throughout 2020, under the strong leadership of Felipe Calderón, the FIA Environment and Sustainability Commission has formulated a comprehensive framework for an FIA Environmental Strategy. We now have a double objective: being carbon neutral in 2021 and net-zero carbon in 2030. We can do it."

During the Assembly a number of key decisions were taken.

Reflecting the future direction of the FIA defined in 2019 by Member Clubs and adopted at last year's AGA, the Assembly agreed to an update of the FIA Missions and Values to accentuate the FIA's commitment to 'human rights', a notion according to which every human being possesses universal and inalienable rights, regardless of the law in force in the State or group of States in which she or he finds herself or himself, regardless of local customs linked to ethnicity, nationality or religion.

In line with the Missions and Values, the Assembly also ratified an amendment to the Statutes to state that: "the aim of the FIA shall be to establish a union between its membership with a view to encouraging and supporting a responsible concern for environmental issues and promoting sustainable development in its activities."

Affirming the Federation's commitment to diversity and inclusion, the Assembly approved changes to the composition of the World Motor Sport Council (WMSC) and the FIA Senate.

In the case of the WMSC, it was agreed that it includes at least three members of each gender from among the Vice-Presidents for Sport and the members elected under the Statutes.

The pathway to this level was strengthened by the election of Amina Momhamed of the Kenya Motor Sports Federation (KMSF) to the World Council seat vacated by Juhani Pakari (AKK Finland), and through agreement to modify the internal regulations of the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission to provide for a woman to chair it. The President of the Commission is by right a member of the World Motor Sport Council.

With regard to the FIA Senate, it was agreed that its composition includes at least one member of each gender among: the four members elected by the WCAMT; the four members elected by the WMSC; the four members proposed by the FIA President.

As well as making changes to the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules and to the International Sporting Code, the Assembly welcomed two new Sporting Clubs to the FIA Family: the Iraq Club for Cars and Motorcycles and

the Israel Automobile & Karting Association. The Assembly also approved definitive affiliation of several provisionally affiliated Clubs including: the Belize Automobile and Touring Association, the Chinese Taipei Automobile Federation, the Auto Moto Club Kosova, and the Automobile Association of Vietnam.

Finally, the date and location of next year's General Assembly were confirmed as 17 December 2021, in Paris, France.





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