7th May 2020

Dear Members, dear Organizers, dear Competitors, dear Friends,

It is now several weeks since all sports activities in Europe and even in the world were stopped as a consequence of the health crisis linked to Covid-19.

Since the beginning of this situation, we have been trying to gather as much information as possible from each Sports Federation and each Organiser so that we can have visibility on the possible resumption of our activities and be able to start our Championships. Contrary to major Championship events where the participation of professional athletes is in the majority, the FIA historic competitions are governed mainly by ASNs and Organisers whose driving forces are essentially made up of volunteers; these Competitions are therefore dependent on the decisions taken by each ASN and Organising Committee for each of these events.

At present, it has been confirmed to us that the majority of the Competitions initially scheduled to take place by the end of July are cancelled or, for some of them, could be postponed to later dates. We must therefore take note of this situation and consider the consequences for our Championships in order to respect the constraints issued by the governments of each country. The uncertainty for foreign competitors to freely travel and enter countries could jeopardize the validity of international events. As this crisis has been immobilising the whole of Europe since March, the economic aspect is a point of great importance. The possible lack of support from sponsors and local partners may be consequent, which will certainly make it impossible for some organizers to guarantee the smooth running of their competition.

Following the information received recently, it is still difficult to predict what the situation will be after the summer and therefore to be able to establish revised calendars. This is why we think it is wise to wait until the right time to be able to know whether or not our Championships can be held this year and, if so, in what format. We are constantly monitoring the situation within the FIA and will aim at taking the right decision as quickly as possible and as late as necessary to have enough information, however the latest by the end of June.

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It will then be necessary to confirm whether the option of resuming our Championships, even in a revised and reduced format, could take place from September onwards, or whether, as has already been done for the Lurani Trophy, we will have to decide to completely renounce a 2020 edition of some or all of our historic Championships, and then work out how to build and relaunch our activities in 2021 with each of the stakeholders.

In the meantime, please find attached the status of our various 2020 events.

Dear Friends, we will do everything to combine our passion and what is needed in this difficult moment.

With best regards,

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