



Press release

FIVA – The Turin Charter

Talks between the FIVA and the German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA) represented by the BMW Group, Daimler AG and AUDI AG

By Thomas Kohler on behalf of the Turin Charter Working Group:

The meeting between the two organisations took place in Munich on 7 September 2011. The meeting was initiated by the German automotive industry to clarify open questions relating to the Turin Charter.

The FIVA explained the reasons and the genesis of the Charter. The representatives of the German automotive industry share the FIVA's concern over the unsure future of the use of historic vehicles on public roads. The parties agreed over the necessity of having the tools required for political advocacy.

In the FIVA's view, the Charter is a vision for the preservation and utilisation of our automotive heritage in the future. The Charter is intended to be a public policy and advocacy tool. While FIVA does not aim at getting UNESCO recognition for the Charter, it is nevertheless intended to support the FIVA's bid to become the official UNESCO interlocutor.

The Charter should be viewed as a set of rules with the character of recommendations. Over the medium term, FIVA plans to adapt its various codes and guidelines to the content of the Charter.

A first phase of debate on the Charter generated plenty of discussion and feedback in and from the international historic vehicles community.

The automotive representatives declared that the industry salutes and supports the FIVA's approach. It appreciates the extraordinary energy with which the FIVA pursues its agenda. The industry representatives presented the FIVA with a number of issues which will be reviewed in direct talks with the Charter working group to be included into the second version of the draft Charter at the editors' meeting in Turin in March next year. Another meeting to discuss these issues was scheduled for the spring of 2012.

A discussion about the Charter will also be held at the FIVA General Assembly on 17 to 19 November 2011 in Washington, DC.

In November 2011, the Charter will once more be submitted to the membership for comment. Any suggested amendments will be reviewed and included as may be required. The FIVA plans to adopt the Charter as its policy paper at the 2012 General Assembly.

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