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Position paper:

## **The Preservation of Motoring Heritage**

### **Background**

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The evolution of the transport powered by internal combustion engines (ICE) and its provision of easy and fast travel has been a key driver for the changes to the living, working and leisure opportunities which defined the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The manufacture and use of cars, buses and trucks, mopeds and motorcycles has been a fundamental influencer of the design and development of urban and industrial areas and the transport links between them. The vehicle industry has been central and critical to economic development, to the advancement of manufacturing, engineering and technical innovation and has provided employment, skills and livelihoods for millions of people. The evolution of vehicle design has signposted cultural change. Motor sport entertains millions.

The gradual replacement of ICE powered vehicles to those powered by electricity or hydrogen means that the use of historic vehicles are under threat.

The vehicles of the past which still exist today are our motoring heritage. Each of these vehicles has survived because an individual has chosen to preserve a part of this heritage and he has done so because of his passion for possessing, maintaining and driving the vehicle.

The preservation of the heritage generates an economic activity of hundreds of thousands of small and medium sized enterprises restoring and maintaining the vehicles and of insurers, parts manufacturers and suppliers, tourist operators and publishers providing essential services, products and information to owners.

Authorities around the world, including UNESCO, have acknowledged that historic vehicles are a part of our heritage and merit special consideration and measures to ensure their preservation.

### **Impact of societal, technical and regulatory change on the preservation of motoring heritage**

The evolution of motorised transport has come at a cost. The attraction and availability of road mobility for private and business purposes has created the negative consequences of climate change, road congestion, vehicle emissions and road accidents. Technological developments in recent years have gone some way to resolving these concerns, but regulators have also seen the need to intervene. One consequence has been that older vehicles have increasingly become the target of regulatory measures designed to improve air quality.

### **FIVA position**

Historic vehicle owners not only preserve our motoring heritage, they are also providing a free museum of this heritage to the general public every time they drive their vehicles on public roads or present their vehicles in the historic vehicle events and rallies held across the world each year.

Motoring heritage must receive the same support as other heritage assets.

Motoring heritage is best maintained and shared by owners being able to drive their vehicles freely on the roads.

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