



To the attention of:

Mr. David Richards

President

Motorsport UK

Geneva, April 7th, 2025

Dear David,

Following your open letter of 5th March 2025 to members of Motorsport UK made publicly available on its website and picked up by the media regarding your opinions on the FIA President's first term of office since 2021, I felt it was important to address your comments and clarify the significant steps the FIA under the leadership of our President has taken to transform and improve the organisation, financial performance and governance of the FIA.

The FIA, as is common in business, and I am sure in the many organisations that you have led, has procedures in place to protect and safeguard confidential information, including confidentiality agreements. Such agreements are very much a standard part of business.

The unauthorised disclosure of information not only damages the FIA but undermines our ability to fulfil our mission to member clubs impacting the objectives of growing motorsport participation, increasing accessibility and cultivating innovation in the sport we love.

It is therefore unsurprising that those steps the FIA has taken to preserve confidentiality were overwhelmingly supported by a super majority of World Motor Sport Council members. With this in mind, we struggle to understand your reluctance to be bound by the same terms and conditions as your fellow members, given you acknowledge the damage the numerous leaks from the World Motor Sport Council have made to the FIA's mission.

As a responsible member of the Council and someone who operates with integrity, I trust that you could have no reasonable objection to an agreement which simply serves to reinforce existing duties of confidentiality, and which is in line with best practice for an organisation of the FIA's responsibilities and standing. There is no question of this being a "gagging order" as your letter characterises it.



Under the leadership of its President, the FIA is delivering a lasting and positive legacy in support of the Federation's global mission.

During the President's first term in office, the FIA has made remarkable strides improving the financial performance, governance, and global engagement to ensure the long-term sustainability of motorsport and mobility. The financial turnaround is evident, with a projected €2.2 million improvement in 2024 compared to the €24 million deficit that the President inherited in 2021.

The President's commitment to regional empowerment has strengthened collaboration across motorsport and mobility, fostering knowledge sharing and strategic initiatives that drive growth. Global motorsport participation continues to grow, with 2.7 million participants taking part in 60,700 annual events, across 7,200 venues.

Under the President's leadership, the FIA has made key investment decisions, such as the recent takeover of the FIA World Rallycross Championship operations, and his vision of bringing an eleventh team to the Formula 1 grid, reflect our ambition to expand fan engagement, elevate our sport's global presence, and protect it for future generations.

Throughout the President's period in office, he has shown an unwavering dedication to diversity, inclusion, and accessibility that is reflected in our global leadership and initiatives. With over a third of our FIA colleagues being female—including senior leaders and global vice presidents—we all continue to champion a more inclusive community.

Furthering the President's commitment to doubling global motorsport, the launch of the Affordable Cross Car programme, Motorsport in a Box, and the Global Karting Plan continue to open doors to entry-level motorsport participation and have increased the accessibility and sustainability to motorsport for clubs worldwide.

Sustainability remains a priority to the FIA, and we will unveil an updated 2025 strategy that strengthens the FIA's global environmental commitments, while our engagement with governmental and international institutions, including the UN and European Commission, amplifies advocacy for mobility and sport. This commitment is underscored by the President's appointment in September 2024 as a UN Tourism's Ambassador for Sustainable Tourism.

We have led the expansion of the FIA University which underscores our mission to empower members with the knowledge to navigate evolving regulations and challenges, while the digitalisation of the eLibrary and archive has, to date, safeguarded over 1,600 irreplaceable pieces of sporting and mobility history for future generations.

Under the President's leadership, the FIA is driving the future of motorsport and mobility with innovation, inclusivity, and sustainability at the forefront.



We are all, at the FIA, are very proud of all that has been accomplished in the first Presidential term and central to these achievements have been his efforts to improve the FIA's organisation and governance.

We would ask that this response is shared with the members of Motorsport UK and published on its website in full.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alberto Villarreal', enclosed within a blue oval scribble.

Alberto Villarreal
FIA General Manager