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Current issues facing motorcycling from Brussels

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The most important issues for FIM Europe – at this time

- The European Court of Justice and the case of Mr Vnuk (insurance problems in our sporting events)
- PPE – Personal protective Equipment standards – gloves, boots, jackets, clothing and one piece suits (not helmets – they are dealt with by UN regulations)
- Relations between FIM, FIM Europe, and the Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations - FEMA
- Understanding the effect on our work of the current political situation!



The Vnuk case:

The problem will not go away when the UK leaves the EU

The problem will not now be a “priority” for the EU to solve!

We must continue to co operate with partners (for example, FIA, circuit owners, promoters)

Role of FMNs is essential.....



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PPE – Personal Protective equipment

This is about clothing for street riders (not sports)

A new EU regulation comes into force in less than 2 years

We are working (with industry) to try to secure compliance with this using CEN standards – new ones

CEN is the European standards organisation – not part of the EU

But....CEN standards are often referenced in EU laws

Cooperation with FEMA is managed by FIM Europe

The philosophical basis is secured around the series of joint position papers that were finalised last year

These papers draw in the work of the International Transport Forum

ITF work has a high level of prestige as ITF is hosted at the OECD – Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (HQ in Paris)

There are significant, “cross connections.”

- For example Mr Jose Viegas who leads the ITF is a member of the FIA High Level Group on Road Safety
- President Ippolito is also a member of the FIA High Level Group.....

Effects of the current political situation on FIM Europe:

Financial impact will be negative and will get worse when the UK opens formal talks with Brussels

But:

FIM Europe is international...has borders beyond the EU....

FIM Europe is politically neutral....

Our status to act and speak in affairs that concern us is not affected by whether the UK is a member of the EU, outside the EU or has some other arrangement with the EU.....

Any questions?

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