# CONFEDERATION OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN MOTOR SPORT INTERNAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Confederation of African Countries in Motorsport (CACMS) Internal Rules and Regulations having been approved and adopted at the CACMS Annual Motorsport Conference Meeting in Kigali, Rwanda on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2004, will govern the operations, organization, direction, management and control with **IERMS OF REFERENCE** to the:

- The Statutes of the FIA.
- \* These Internal Rules and Regulations, which are prescribed hereafter.
- \* Regulations and/or instructions or amendment issued from time to time approved at the annual CACMS Motor sport Conferences subject to the conditions laid out in these Internal Rules.

#### ARTICLE 1 - NAME OF CONFEDERATION

The name of the Confederation shall be the "CONFEDERATION OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN MOTOR SPORT", hereinafter referred to as the "Confederation" or "CACMS" in abbreviated form.

## ARTICLE 2 - CONFEDERATION SECRETARIAT AND ADMINISTRATION

- 2.1. The Secretariat of the Confederation shall be situated within Africa with the location of the current President / Chairman. It may be transferred to any other country under the Confederation's Annual General Meeting decision.
- 2.2. The official languages of the Confederation shall be English and French.

#### ARTICLE 3 - POWER OF THE CONFEDERATION

The Confederation is the coordinating arm of the FIA within Africa and also has a seat at the FIA Rallies Commission as the regional (Africa) representative and all its powers are derived from:

- 3.1) The FIA statutes, its Sporting Code and regulations.
- 3.2) It represents the FIA in Africa and acts directly under the authority of the FIA.
- 3.3) It exercises its authority within Africa as per the power from the FIA and these Internal Rules and Regulations.

## ARTICLE 4 - OBJECTIVES

The Objects, Intents and Purposes of the Confederation are –

- 4.1.To promote, encourage, advance and generally to assist and protect the interests of automobile sport in Africa, and the FIA African Rally Championship.
- 4.2. To make rules and regulations for the control of automobile sport in Africa within the guidelines of the FIA and to add to or alter such rules and regulations and enforce compliance therewith.
- 4.3. To ensure that all rules and regulations governing the control and operational management of automobile events within Africa are not at variance, in any detail of whatever kind, with the Sporting Code of the FIA.
- 4.4. To arrange, control, regulate, and, if possible, finance the visits of competitors within Africa to promote cross border participation.
- 4.5. To establish committees and working groups with such powers and with such representation as may from time to time be decided.

- 4.6. To distribute or arrange for the distribution, either gratis or otherwise, of literature, brochures, films or by other similar methods or means, of matters of interest or appertaining either educationally or physically to the furtherance of automobile sport.
- 4.7. To raise funds for the furtherance of the objects of the Confederation.
- 4.8.To manage and coordinate TV rights for the FIA African Rally Championship and other events as required from time to time.

## ARTICLE 5 - MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1. The Members of the Confederation shall be the ASN's of countries in Africa affiliated to the FIA who are full or associate members of the FIA.
- 5.2. Membership to the Confederation is the right of any country affiliated to the FIA.
- 5.3. Membership fees: At a time as decided by the CACMS annual meeting a membership fee may be introduced.

## ARTICLE 6 - ANNUAL CACMS MEETINGS: REPRESENTATION: VOTING: PROXY VOTES

- 6.1. Each Member, irrespective of membership strength, shall be entitled to one vote at any CACMS Annual Meeting. Each delegate shall be appointed in writing by the FIA member country and, if so required by the Chairman. Observers at an annual meeting may be permitted with the approval of the Chairman.
- 6.2 At any General Meeting, each represented FIA member may exercise <u>one</u> proxy vote on behalf of an unrepresented member.
- 6.3 A Member accepting a proxy vote on behalf of another Member, which will be unrepresented, shall obtain authority, in writing, to exercise such vote from that member, and shall present such authority to the Secretariat before the commencement of the General Meeting to which such proxy applies.
- e) All elections and appointments, other than unopposed elections and appointments, shall be by secret ballot, and all other voting shall be by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is requested by the Chairman or by at least three Members.
- f) All business at any meeting shall be determined by a simple majority of the votes of the Corporate Members and Officers present and entitled to vote at the meeting.
- g) The quorum of the CACMS conference shall be not less than 6 of the members eligible to vote at the meeting (excluding Proxy votes).
- h) The Chairman shall have a casting; in addition to a deliberative vote should this become necessary during any voting other than that of the election of the Chairman.

## ARTICLE 7 - CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFEDERATION

The Confederation being a representative arm of the FIA within Africa will elect a President / Chairman.

The President / Chairman shall be elected every three years at the Annual General Meeting.

## ARTICLE 8 - NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT / CHAIRMAN OF CACMS

The presentation of a candidate for the seat of President / Chairman by an ASN implies, and each member nominating a person for this post must be of persons with experience, time, communication capability and the ability to share into the costs of maintaining the CACMS Secretariat and travel to the FIA meetings.

All nominations for President / Chairman shall be submitted to the Secretariat not less than **sixty** days prior to the date of the Annual CACMS meeting, and will be announced by the CACMS Secretariat not less than 30 days before the date of the Annual Meeting.

# ARTICLE 9 - RUNNING OF THE CACMS SECRETARIAT

a) The administration of the Confederation shall, between General Meetings, be managed by the President / Chairman, Until such time as the Annual meeting decides to appoint officers such as may be necessary to run the affairs of the Confederation (like Secretary and Treasurer).

#### ARTICLE 10 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CONFEDERATION

The ASN hosting the Annual General Meeting is committed to organise and finance the meeting venue. (The host ASN will not be responsible for financing the accommodation and transport of the delegates but is responsible to find reasonable rates for Hotels, transport etc.)

The discussions will take place in one of the two official languages. If the speaker cannot express himself in one of these languages, he must obtain the help of an interpreter and will be responsible of the translation of remarks made in his tongue into the language being used at the meeting.

- a) The CACMS Secretariat shall give not less than thirty days' written notice to each Member of the date, time and venue of each Annual General Meeting and the business to be transacted there at by way of an Agenda.
- b) The Annual General Meeting shall be held during the following year at a place as the Confederation in General Meeting may determine.
- c) A copy of the Minutes of the proceedings of each Meeting of CACMS shall be sent to each ASN member.

#### ARTICLE 11 - NOTICES AND COMMUNICATION

- a) Each CACMS Member shall register with the Secretariat a physical, postal and email address to which all communications shall be sent.
- b) The accidental omission to give notice to, or the non-receipt of notice by a Corporate Member or an Officer shall not invalidate the proceedings at any meeting or any resolution passed.

#### ARTICLE 12 - AMENDMENT OF THE INTERNAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- a) These Internal Rules and Regulations may be amended by a resolution passed by a twothirds majority of the votes of the Members and present and entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting.
- b) Provided that at least thirty days' notice specifying the amendment to be proposed had been given to each member directly or through the Secretariat.