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Position paper:

## **Historic Vehicles and End of Life (ELV) regulations**

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### **The Importance of the environment:**

The number of everyday vehicles is increasing dramatically and with the speed of development in the transport sector there seem to be a constant growing wish to renew the vehicles into safer and more environmentally friendly.

Many nations are thus introducing laws and regulations to ensure the proper reuse, recycling and recovery of destroyed vehicles and parts.

### **Objectives of the set of rules:**

It is clearly environmentally unacceptable that all vehicles should be preserved.

Furthermore, destruction of vehicles has to be environmentally responsible and their components need to be recycled in order to ensure sufficient materials for new vehicles and avoid excessive use of the planet's resources.

However, in order to preserve our cultural heritage, it is necessary that a portion of superseded models of vehicles are preserved and a sufficient number of spares should be kept for the purpose of reuse to keep the heritage to remain in working order. This preservation may be expected to be undertaken by individual vehicle owners.

There is a potential risk that:

- It will be unclear in laws and regulations who, apart from the owner, is entitled to decide that a vehicle should be destroyed.
- "Scrappage" schemes to encourage replacement of outdated vehicles may lose sight of the value of recycling parts.
- "Scrappage" schemes may not allow for destruction of incomplete vehicles after reusable parts have been removed.
- Lack of knowledge might lead to vehicles or parts which are deserving of preservation instead ending up being destroyed.

### **Principle to be observed:**

FIVA believes that it must be the owner's sole right to determine whether a vehicle should be destroyed, as long as it is being kept in a proper and environmentally sound manner.

As long as a vehicle or part of a vehicle are kept and handled in a proper and environmentally sound manner it should be able to be stored without time limits, transported and exported or imported freely across national borders, subject of course to any applicable trade tariffs.

To enable the recovery of parts essential to the proper preservation of some vehicles, it is essential that incomplete vehicles should be able to be included in scrappage schemes.

A number of very rare and important examples of our cultural heritage have been saved over the years despite the previous owner's lack of knowledge about the vehicles true cultural value. It should therefore be possible for museums, manufacturers or enthusiasts to ask to reclaim a discarded vehicle to prevent its destruction even if the previous owner has decided to discard the vehicle.