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From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor ROBERTO DAPRÀ of car No. 25
Crew ROBERTO DAPRÀ / LUCA GUGLIELMETTI

The Stewards, having become aware — through onboard video footage— of the infringement mentioned below, summoned the driver and the competitor’s representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts The driver of car No. 25 was competing on SS5 without having his helmet strap correctly fastened.

Offence Breach of:
- Art. 53.1 of the 2025 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations
- Art. 12.2.1.h of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code
- Appendix 5 to the Supplementary Regulations of EKO Acropolis Rally Greece 2025

Decision 1) **1-minute** time penalty on the Competitor ROBERTO DAPRÀ of car No. 25, to be applied to the special stage time of car No. 25 for SS5
The stage time is accordingly modified to **15:11.8**
2) a **fine of € 400** on the driver ROBERTO DAPRÀ of car No. 25

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code, fines shall be paid within 48 hours of their notification. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

Reason During Special Stage 5 (Thiva), the Stewards became aware—through onboard video footage—of a potential safety equipment infringement by the driver of Car No. 25. When the driver was in the stage, approximately at the 7-minute 58-second mark, it was clearly visible from the onboard footage that the driver’s helmet strap was not fastened while the car was in motion on the special stage.

A hearing was convened on Saturday, 27 June 2025 at 21:55 hrs, attended by the competitor’s representative and the driver of car No. 25.

The driver acknowledged the situation and explained that he had more preparation time than usual before the start of SS5 and was therefore watching onboard videos. He admitted he forgot to fasten the helmet strap and only realised this at the Stop Control of SS5 when attempting to unfasten it. He apologised for this lapse and confirmed that, had he noticed the issue during the stage, he would have stopped in a safe place to correct it.

As per Article 53.1 of the 2025 FIA World Rally Championship Sporting Regulations, crew members must wear homologated crash helmets, with all required safety equipment in compliance with Appendix L, Chapter III of the FIA International Sporting Code, and as intended by the equipment manufacturer.

The helmet strap is an integral component of the helmet's protective function. Its fastening is clearly intended by the manufacturer, otherwise its presence would be redundant.

The Stewards accept that the driver did not intentionally undertake the stage with the helmet strap unfastened, but reiterate that the proper use of the safety equipment is a fundamental duty of all competitors. Any lapse, even if unintentional, represents a breach of Article 53.1 of the 2025 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations as well as Article 12.2.1.h of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code, as it constitutes an unsafe act.

In consideration of the above facts, the Stewards deem it appropriate in this case to impose both a time penalty and a financial penalty, in line with precedents of infringements of the same nature.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



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The Stewards



Henrik Frank



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This decision was notified to the Competitor's officially nominated representative as below:

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