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From: The Stewards

To: The Competitor ANDRÉ MARTÍNEZ of Car No. 58
Crew ANDRÉ MARTÍNEZ / MATIAS ARANGUREN

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course with documentary evidence attached, summoned the above crew members as well as the competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts During SSS7 (Elva Linn), Car No. 58 failed to complete the required number of loops around the roundabout, as prescribed in the compulsory itinerary in Road Book Part 1 (Pages 129–130, Boxes 8–14) and further clarified in Clerk of the Course Communication No. 1.

Offence Breach of Article 19.2 of the 2026 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

Decision A 20-second time penalty, to be applied to the special stage time of Competitor ANDRÉ MARTÍNEZ of Car No. 58 for SSS7 (Elva Linn).

Reason The Stewards heard from Mr. Álvaro Velasco García (Team Representative), Mr. Miguel Gutierrez Pérez (Team Principal), Mr. André Martínez (Driver) and Mr. Matias Aranguren (Co-Driver) during a hearing held on Saturday, 18 July 2026 at 09:05 hrs.

The Stewards examined the report submitted by the Clerk of the Course together with the supporting documentary evidence, including the Road Book, Communication No. 1 from the Clerk of the Course and the tracking data. The evidence clearly established that, during SSS7 (Elva Linn), Car No. 58 completed one loop less around the roundabout than those required by the compulsory itinerary prescribed in the Road Book between boxes 8 and 14, as further clarified in Clerk of the Course Communication No. 1.

During the hearing, both the Driver and the Co-Driver immediately acknowledged that they had failed to complete the required number of loops around the roundabout and accepted that an error had been made. No dispute was raised as to the facts.

Article 19.2 of the 2026 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations requires competitors to follow the compulsory itinerary of the rally as defined by the detailed description in the Road Book. The compulsory number of loops formed part of that itinerary and had also been specifically highlighted by the Clerk of the Course prior to the running of SSS7 (Elva Linn).

Although the Stewards accept that the error was genuine and unintentional, competitors remain responsible for ensuring that the compulsory itinerary is followed at all times. Failure to do so constitutes a breach of Article 19.2 of the 2026 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

In determining the appropriate penalty, the Stewards took into account that the tracking data showed that completing the omitted loop would have taken approximately 10 seconds. The Stewards therefore considered it appropriate first

to restore sporting equity by compensating for the time advantage obtained through the omission of that loop.

In addition, compliance with the compulsory itinerary is fundamental to the integrity and fair conduct of the competition. Having taken into account the particular circumstances of this case, the Stewards considered a further 10-second time penalty to be appropriate to sanction the breach of Article 19.2 of the 2026 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

The Stewards therefore concluded that a total time penalty of 20 seconds appropriately reflects both the sporting advantage obtained and the seriousness of the infringement.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 5 of the 2026 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

Mathieu Remmerie | Tuta Mionki | Oliver Ojaveer

The Stewards

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

Name (in block letters):	**ALVARO VELASCO GARCÍA**	*Date:*	**18.07.2026**
Position within the team:	**TEAM REPRESENTATIVE**	*Time:*	**12:00**

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