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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, summoned the above crew members as well as the competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts During a Shakedown road section on Friday 17th July 2026, Car No. 58 was recorded by the police travelling at 115 km/h in a 50 km/h speed zone in Roiu village.

Offence Breach of Article 12.2.1.h of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code.

Decision A fine of €1,500 is imposed on the Competitor ANDRÉ MARTÍNEZ.

This fine is being applied with suspension of sentence, subject to no further speeding infringement under Articles 34.2 or 34.3 of the 2026 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations by the Competitor at any FIA WRC events during the remainder of the 2026 season, which is also determined by the Stewards of that event to constitute a breach of Article 12.2.1.h of the FIA International Sporting Code.

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 08:55 hrs.

The Stewards note that, following a report received from the police, the Clerk of the Course had issued Notification No. 10 imposing the mandatory fine of €1,625 on the Competitor pursuant to Article 34.2.2 of the 2026 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations for the speeding infringement. The Stewards further note that the police authorities will also impose sanctions under the applicable national traffic legislation.

During the hearing, the Driver stated that he had not seen the sign indicating the applicable 50 km/h speed limit, either because he believed that no such sign was present or because it was not sufficiently visible. The Driver further explained that it was also possible that he had simply been distracted at that moment.

Furthermore, the Driver initially expressed some doubts regarding the recorded speed. Following the hearing, however, the Stewards obtained and reviewed the tracking log provided by the FIA Safety Tracking supplier, which confirmed a recorded speed of 115 km/h at the location concerned.

The Stewards note that, under the applicable national traffic rules, the entry into a village or town is indicated by the corresponding 'village/town' road sign, which itself establishes a speed limit of 50 km/h. Although a separate 50 km/h speed limit road sign was therefore not necessarily present, the meaning of the 'village/town' road sign is clearly explained in the 'Symbols' section of the Road Book (Road

Book Part 1 – Page 12 & Road Book Part 2 – Page 10), which expressly states that the 'village/town' road sign marks the beginning of a 50 km/h speed zone.
Whilst the Stewards accept that the Driver may genuinely have overlooked the sign due to momentary distraction, they nevertheless consider that this does not diminish the seriousness of the infringement. Travelling at such a speed in a 50 km/h zone, particularly within a village, represents a very serious breach of the applicable speed limit and creates an unsafe situation for other road users.

Furthermore, such conduct is liable to damage the public perception and reputation of rallying. Competitors must always be aware that their behaviour on public roads is closely scrutinised and that respect for traffic laws is essential not only for safety, but also for maintaining public confidence in the sport and ensuring its long-term sustainability.

The Stewards therefore concluded that, in addition to the financial penalty already imposed by the Clerk of the Course pursuant to Article 34.2.2 of the 2026 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, the circumstances of this case also constitute an unsafe act and a failure to take reasonable measures, resulting in an unsafe situation, within the meaning of Article 12.2.1.h of the FIA International Sporting Code.

In determining the appropriate penalty, the Stewards took into account that the mandatory financial penalty under WRC Article 34.2.2 had already been applied by the Clerk of the Course and that sanctions under national traffic legislation will also follow.

The Stewards therefore consider that the seriousness of the excessive speeding justified an additional sanction. Taking all the above circumstances into account, the Stewards deem that a suspended fine appropriately reflects the seriousness of the conduct whilst reinforcing the importance of respecting traffic laws and promoting safe behaviour on public roads at all times.

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:*	**11:20**

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