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From: *The Stewards*

To: Competitor: Vehicle No **200** Name: **TOYOTA GAZOO RACING**
Crew: **NASSER AL ATTIYAH / MATHIEU BAUMEL**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Sporting Delegate, having examined the document, have heard the Competitor Representative and the Crew members, having considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: In the absence of any justification for this, the crew members published posts on social media expressing outrage that the entry into force (following the publication of its decision by the FIA W2RC Committee) of the regulations of the FIA W2RC EoT process methodology (which was agreed and announced in the presence of all the parties involved before the start of the season and provided for in Article 13.3 of the FIA 2023 CCRSR, granting the appropriate rights to the FIA W2RC Committee.) violated sporting principles

Offence: Breach of Article 12.2.1.f. of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code

Decision: **No further action**

Reason:

The Competitor representative and the Crew members explained that they are well aware that the regulations of the FIA W2RC EoT process methodology were agreed before the start of the season and provided for in Article 13.3 of the FIA 2023 CCRSR, granting the appropriate rights to the FIA W2RC Committee.

They also confirmed that they are aware of the contents of the EoT Behaviour chart (as part of the FIA W2RC EoT process methodology), which says that *Manufacturers, Competitors, drivers, co-drivers and any persons or entities associated with their entries must not seek to influence the establishment of the BoP or comment on the results, in particular through public statements, the media and social networks.*

The Crew members were overwhelmed by some kind of emotion at the time. That's the way it is.

The competition is tough, difficult. Sometimes it is emotionally difficult to calmly respond to news, questions asked, etc.

In the opinion of the representative of the Competitor, such a situation could also have been caused by the lack of communication.

In any case, the Crew members certainly did not want to damage the reputation of either the FIA, the Dakar promoter or the Organizer with their posts on social media.



They asked the Stewards to suspend the hearing until the end of the Stage 8, thus allowing them to express their own regrets on social media about the content of their previous posts.

In the opinion of the Stewards, such an opportunity should be created for the Crew members. It was decided to suspend the hearing until the end of the Stage 8.

After the resuming of the hearing, the Crew members reported that they had posted rebuttals of their previous posts on social media.

The Crew members expressed their sincere regret at the situation. They assured the Stewards that such behavior on their part would not happen again.

The Stewards decide that there is reason to believe that the Crew members are indeed sincerely sorry.

The Stewards decide that the case is closed. It is not necessary to take additional action against the Competitor or Crew members.

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

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FIA Chairperson of the Stewards

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