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To: Competitor: Vehicle No **207** Name: **TEAM AUDI SPORT**
Crew: **CARLOS SAINZ / LUCAS CRUZ**

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

Fact: The driver's son was next to the driver, helped close the car door in the Selective section 3.

Offence: Alleged breach of Art. 49.2.1. FIA 2023 CCRSR

Decision: **No further action**

Reason:

The Competitor and the driver explained that the driver's son seen in the Sporting delegate report is not a member of the team. He is a guest at the event. But this is not an initiative of the team. This is not an initiative of the driver. And the appearance of a son, being near a competitor's car and helping to close the door is not an initiative of the team or the driver. Since this was not done on the initiative of a competitor or a driver, it cannot be recognized as a violation of the regulations.

The Stewards note that the behavior of all members of the motorsport community should not raise any doubts. Of particular importance is the fact that very well-known people in motorsport set an example for everyone else.

It should be noted that Dakar 2023 is the round of the FIA World Championship. Honest pursuit of the result, adherence to sports principles is especially important. And it is important to follow not only written rules. It is also important to avoid situations that may raise doubts.

For the relationship between father and son would be very difficult to see as completely unrelated. Can there be doubts about situations if, when the son participates in competition, the father stays in places where it is forbidden to members of the team, and vice versa?

The art. 49.2.1 of the FIA 2023 CCRSR says that the presence of team personnel or any team conveyance is prohibited within 1 kilometre of its competing vehicle.

Such a requirement is connected not only with the provision of possible illegal technical assistance / illegal service, but also with the fact that even verbal communication (verbal communication of the available information to the crew members) can create a situation that, due to the knowledge of such information, helps to gain an advantage over other competitors. Since crew members cannot have any means of communication at that time. And the rules are the same for everyone.

In the Steward's view, a very good example of avoiding questionable situations is when competitors participating in the FIA Championships ask even completely unrelated people not to approach the



crew members or the car of that crew, if this may raise doubts about the possible acquisition of an unfair advantage.

The Stewards decide that in this case there is no evidence confirming a violation of the regulations in a legal sense. But draws attention to the fact that in the name of popularizing motorsport, raising prestige, competitors are encouraged to avoid any situations that may raise doubts.

The decision is based on the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1

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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