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From: The Stewards
To: Competitor **No 219** Name: **DACIA**
Crew **SEBASTIEN LOEB / FABIAN LURQUIN**

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Attachments: -

The Stewards, having received a report from FIA Technical Delegate (document N 6.3), having summoned and heard the Sporting Manager Mrs. Virginie SOULAIRE, and the engineers Mr. Philip DUNABIN and Mr. David LAPWORTH, and the FIA Technical Delegate, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: At the end of Stage 3, the safety cage of car #219 was inspected following a crash during the selective section and found damaged.

Offence: Breach of FIA 2025 International Sporting Code Appendix J Art. 283-1.

Decision: **To disqualify the Competitor car #219 from DAKAR RALLY 2025.**

Reason:

The representatives of the competitor explained that they are aware of the content of the FIA Technical Delegate report.

The engineers stated that several calculations to verify the structure were done, with the conclusion that the bent part does not have a significant role on the strength of the structure.

The representatives of the competitor admitted that the safety cage was damaged. However, they do not consider that such damage can have any impact on safety. They argued that the level of safety after the accident remained unchanged, i.e. the same as before the accident.

In the opinion of the FIA Technical Delegate, considering the damage of the safety cage, and based on article 283-1 of the Appendix J, it is not safe to allow the competitor to continue on the event.

The stewards do not doubt the information contained in the FIA Technical Delegate's report.

The stewards consider that there is no reason to assume that the safety situation has not changed since the accident, where evidence is provided that the right hand-side lateral rollbar of the safety cage was found bent.

The International Court of Appeal has already deemed in the past that in "exceptional circumstances", the objective responsibility of a competitor for a case of non - compliance of its car can lead to a less severe sanction than disqualification.

In this case, non-compliance is directly related to the safety.

The Stewards cannot see any exceptional circumstances in this matter.

In this such case, only disqualification of the Car no. 219 may be granted.

The Decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 10.2, Art. 11.9.1; Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.i.

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.

According to Art. 12.3.3.b of the Code this decision of the Stewards becomes immediately binding even in the event of an appeal, since it concerns issues where the suspensive effect is likely to cause a further or ongoing safety issue, including but not limited to matters of Automobile safety.



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FIA Chair of the Panel of Stewards



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