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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION 10**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: *Competitor No 259 Name: **QIAN'AN JIU JIANG LANDSAIL RACING CLUB***

*Crew: **YONGMING TAO / LIGUO FU***

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Attachments: -

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course (Doc. 3.19), having summoned and heard the Crew members and the Team Manager of Competitor No. 259 (Mr. Kaikai ZHU) and the Crew members and the Team Manager of Competitor No. 336 (Mr. Loïc BONNEVIE), have considered the following matter, and after due deliberation determine the following:

Fact: Competitor Car No. 259 made contact with Competitor Car No. 336 during an overtaking manoeuvre on SS2.

Offence: Breach of Article 12.2.1.h of FIA 2026 ISC and Article 27.1.1 of 2026 FIA CCRSR.

Decision: **To impose a time penalty of one hour on Competitor Car No. 259 for SS 2.**

Reason: A hearing was conducted on the 06th of January with both parties together (Crew members and Team Manager of Competitor No. 259 and Crew members and Team Manager of Competitor No. 336).

During the hearing, the crew of Competitor No. 336 stated that Competitor No. 259 carried out a dangerous overtaking manoeuvre between kilometre 270 and 290 of SS2. During this manoeuvre, contact occurred between the two vehicles, resulting in damage to the wheel suspension of Car No. 336. The crew of Competitor No. 336 further stated that they did not receive any warning from the Sentinel system and were therefore surprised by the presence of, and contact with, Car No. 259. Initially, the crew continued driving, but after approximately 10 kilometres they stopped as the vehicle was too damaged to continue.

The crew of Car No. 259 stated that, at the location of the contact, they had to take evasive action to avoid several trees and that, in doing so, contact indeed occurred between their vehicle and Car No. 336. The contact was accidental, and there was no intention to hit the other competitor. The crew apologised for the incident. They further stated that they did activate the Sentinel button several times during the stage, also on this occasion. After the contact, they checked whether Car No. 336 was able to continue driving. As this appeared to be the case, they did not consider it necessary to stop.

The Stewards also examined the data provided by ERTF. This data shows that the Sentinel of Competitor No. 259 was not activated at any time during Selective Section 2, despite the Sentinel having been checked and confirmed as operational prior to the stage.

ERTF stated: *"It is indeed surprising that this appears to be the case while the system is functioning correctly: reception, collision warning, automatic alarms, etc. It is as if the competitors did not press the button to request an overtaking manoeuvre."*

The Stewards consider that Competitor No. 259 was responsible for the contact. The behaviour of this competitor constitutes a breach of the above-mentioned articles and therefore decide that the above mentioned time penalty is the appropriate sanction.

This decision is based on 2026 FIA ISC Art. 11.7.1.a, Art. 11.7.3.a, Art. 11.7.3.f, and Art. 12.4.1.h.

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 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Jan SEINEN
Chair of the Panel of Stewards



Alqassim HAMIDADDIN
FIA Steward



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ASN Steward

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

Name (in block letters):	KAIKAI ZHU	Date:	07.01.2026
Position within the team:	TEAM MANAGER	Time:	16:10

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