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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION 11**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: *Competitor No 402 Name: **CAN-AM FACTORY TEAM LATAM***

*Crew: **Francisco LOPEZ CONTARDO / Álvaro LEÓN***

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The Stewards, having received video evidence from the FIA Sporting Delegate, having investigated the action that was shown, have considered the following matter, and after due deliberation determine the following:

Facts: The crew members of car #402 were not wearing their safety belts in the correct way for approximately 39 seconds during Selective Section No 3, although the vehicle was in motion.

The driver of car #402 was not wearing his overall in the correct way, as the zipper was partially open, while the vehicle was in motion on Selective Section No 3.

Offence: Breach of Article 47.1 of 2026 FIA CCRSR.

Decision: To impose a time penalty of 390 seconds on Competitor Car No 402 for SS3.

To impose a fine of 250 Euros on Competitor Car No 402.

In accordance with Article 12.8 of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code, the payment of the fines must be done 48 hours of their notification. Fines may be paid by means of any mode of payment, electronic included (<https://fiafines.fia.com>). Any delay in making payment may entail suspension during the period the fine remains unpaid.

Reason: The Stewards reviewed on-board video footage showing that Competitor Car No. 402 stopped on SS3 on four occasions. The video evidence clearly shows that the navigator and/or the driver started unfastening their safety belts for approximately 39 seconds in total, while the vehicle was in motion, before coming to a complete stop. In one occasion, it concerned the safety belts from both the driver and the navigator. The seconds during which the safety belts were unfastened were counted individually. Furthermore, in one of the occasions it was observed that the driver of Car No. 402 had the zipper of his overall partially opened.

The Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations are very clear in Article 47.1 in saying: **"Whenever a vehicle is in motion on any type of Selective Section and until the stop control, the crew must wear homologated crash helmets, all required safety clothing and equipment in compliance with Appendix L Chapter III – Drivers' Equipment as intended by the equipment manufacturer and have their safety belts correctly fastened. (...)"**

Safety clothing and Safety belts, together with the Frontal Head Restraint (FHR), are essential safety measures to protect the crew in the case of an accident. Compliance with these requirements is fundamental, as safety remains one of the FIA's primary concerns, and the FIA is committed to doing everything possible to protect, among others, the crew members.

The stewards find that there is a breach of the regulations, and that the crew gained a time advantage through non-compliant behaviour of the crew members. Therefore, a time penalty that also compensates for the time advantage is justified. For not wearing the overall in the correct way, the Stewards impose the above-mentioned fine.

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

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