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From: The Stewards

To: The Organiser of the 55. BARUM CZECH RALLY ZLIN 2026

All Competitors / crew members
All Officials

The Stewards, having become aware of an unsafe situation, summoned the Organiser of the 55. Barum Czech Rally Zlin 2026, as well as the Clerk of the course have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts During the running of SS8, at approximately Km 14 a marshal was walking along the special stage road, while car No.3 was approaching.

Offence Breach of Art. 12.2.1.h of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code

Decision

1. Reprimand to the Organiser of 55. BARUM CZECH RALLY ZLIN 2026
2. A fine of 500 euros is imposed on the Organiser which is applied with suspension of sentence subject to no further breaches by the Organiser of Art. 12.2.1. h) of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code until the end of the event 55. BARUM CZECH RALLY ZLIN 2026
3. The Organiser is required to formally apologise to Competitor No.3

Reason

A hearing was held on Sunday 16th August 2026 at 12:00, in the presence of the Organiser and Clerk of the Course of the 55. BARUM CZECH RALLY ZLIN 2026, Mr. Jan REGNER. He stated that the marshal was trying to monitor and control the movements of some spectators and in doing so, he walked along the Special Stage. He apologised on his behalf and on behalf of the marshal and he highlighted that the movement was motivated to a safety concern and was not intended to create an unsafe situation.

The Stewards examined video evidence. The live footage clearly shows a marshal walking along the edge of the special stage road of SS8, while Car No. 3 was approaching.

Although the marshal did not enter the path of the competing vehicle and no contact or further incident occurred, the Stewards consider that the marshal was positioned too close to the road and in an unsafe position and that this created an unnecessary and avoidable safety risk during the passage of the competing vehicle.

Motorsport is an inherently dangerous sport and competing vehicles trajectory cannot always be predicted. For this reason, the safety procedures applicable to Special Stages exist to prevent an incident from occurring and require that marshals remain in designated positions of safety and, a marshal walking immediately alongside the stage while a competing vehicle is approaching, is inconsistent with this principle and exposes both the marshal and the crew to an avoidable risk.

The Stewards have also carefully considered the Organiser's responsibilities.
The Organiser and Clerk of the Course has overall responsibility for the organisation of the Special Stage and for ensuring that marshals are appropriately instructed. The Organiser must nevertheless ensure that its safety instructions are sufficiently

clear and that marshals understand that, once a competing car is approaching, they must be safely positioned away from the competition road. No individual action can be allowed to undermine the fundamental safety principles upon which the running of a Special Stage depends. However, the Stewards recognise the practical limitations of that responsibility, such as prevent sudden individual movement particularly when they occur shortly before the passage of a competing vehicle and they recognise also the good faith in which the marshal acted and the intention to fulfil his duties.

Having considered the seriousness of the safety concern, the circumstances of the incident, the absence of contact and the practical limitations upon the organiser's ability to control the individual movement of a marshal, the Steward consider a reprimand and a suspended penalty an appropriate sanction, taking into account the mitigating circumstance that the Organiser cannot reasonably control every spontaneous action of an individual.

In view of the circumstances and the unnecessary risk to which Car No. 3 was exposed, the Stewards further request that the Organiser formally apologise to the crew of Car No. 3 and acknowledge the safety concern identified by the Stewards.

Furthermore, The Stewards wish to make clear that this decision is not intended to question the commitment or professionalism of the marshal, whose role is essential to the safe running of the event, rather it serves to reinforce the fundamental principle of safety that when a competing car is approaching there cannot be any margin for any avoidable safety risk.

All parties 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 2026 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

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The Stewards

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This decision was notified to the Organiser as below:

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