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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 16**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: Mr. Pedro ALMEIDA – Clerk of the Course of Rally Dakar 2024

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The Stewards have investigated the publication of the Start list for Stage 7, having heard the Clerk of the Course Mr. Pedro Almeida, having considered the matter, determine the following:

Fact: Published (at 20:45 on 13.01.2024) Start List for Stage 7 was not fully compliant with the FIA 2024 CCRSR requirements (in terms of T5.2 trucks).

Offence: Breach of Art. 11.11.3 of the FIA 2024 International Sporting Code.

Decision: **To impose a reprimand on the Clerk of the Course of Dakar 2024 Mr. Pedro Almeida**

Reason:

The Clerk of the Course explained that during the Dakar event, due to the specifics of the event itself, there are a number of logistical challenges. Moving from one Bivouac to another and so on. Therefore, in this particular case, when it comes to publication of the Start list for Stage 7, the human error made was noticed quickly enough. However, it was too late to amend and publish the amended one, as all the responsible services had already left the Bivouac. Since the human error committed was exclusively related to the T 5.2 trucks of the Truck Group, which always start at the end of the start order, there were no serious consequences. According to the fact, everything happened as it should have happened. All that remained was a mistake in the Start list of Stage 7 published at 20:45 on 13.01.2024.

Mr. Pedro Almeida acknowledged the violation and explained that in this case he was able to react in a timely manner and prevent possible consequences. Therefore, the human error committed by official persons (for whose actions he takes full responsibility, as the Clerk of the Course) remained only in the published Start list.

The decision is based on the FIA 2024 International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 12.4.1.b

Mr. Almeida is reminded that he has the right to appeal certain decision 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.



Arnas PALIUKENAS
FIA Chairperson of the Stewards



Omar ZAROUR
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Signed: **Mr. Pedro ALMEIDA / Clerk of the Course**

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