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From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor MIGUEL MARIA GARCIA of car No. 42
Crew MIGUEL MARIA GARCIA / JUAN BILBAO

All competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course with documentary evidence attached, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts Crew of Car No. 42 drove 300m of SS3 at 6.82km in reverse direction during the Reconnaissance on Tuesday 26th August 2025

Offence Breach of Article 9.4.1 of Ueno Rally Del Paraguay 2025 Supplementary Regulations

Decision **Fine of € 1000 on Competitor No. 42 MIGUEL MARIA GARCIA**

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code, fines shall be paid within 48 hours of their notification. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

Reason A hearing was held on Wednesday 27th August 2025 at 16:45 with the Driver Mr. Miguel Maria GARCIA, Co-Driver Mr. Juan BILBAO and Team Representative Mr. Marcelo MENDOZA of Car No. 42.

The Stewards presented the tracking data which confirmed that Car No. 42 drove approximately 300 meters of Special Stage 3 at 6.82km in the reverse direction during reconnaissance on Tuesday 26th August 2025.

The Driver explained that on the first passage of reconnaissance, there was a section of approximately 700 metres covered with dust, which affected their visibility and caused them to lose the reference of their pace notes. On the second passage, when reaching this same location, they realised that the pace notes did not correspond accurately to the road. In order to correct the pace notes and to ensure they would be safe when driving at rally speed, they decided to reverse through the section to take another look and check again their notes.

The Stewards completely understand the Driver's point of view regarding their attempt to ensure a safer drive. Nevertheless, even if this manoeuvre ideally created some safety advantage for the crew, it is still a breach of the reconnaissance rules. This can also be considered as a third passage of this section of the stage, which is itself a breach of the regulations. Furthermore, reversing on a stage during reconnaissance can create additional safety concerns for the following crews using the stage at the same time.

The Stewards therefore underline that, while this infringement was committed in good faith and without the intention to gain sporting advantage, it nonetheless represents a clear violation of Article 9.4.1 of the Supplementary Regulations of the Event. This case should not be considered as a precedent for the future, and the FIA Road Sport Department will oversee future events' regulations to specify more clearly the penalties for similar cases.

The Stewards therefore concluded that as the Competitor is a Priority 2 crew, the imposed fine is appropriate and proportionate in this case.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Silver Kütt
The Stewards



Vincenzo Spano



Francisco Peroni

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	MARCELO MENDOZA	<i>Date:</i>	28.8.2025
<i>Position within the team:</i>	TEAM REPRESENTATIVE	<i>Time:</i>	11:33

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