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From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor SANTIAGO RUIZ of car No. 57
Crew SANTIAGO RUIZ / MATIAS RUIZ

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. 57 drove 200m of SS1 at 12.35km 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 € 500 on Competitor No. 57 SANTIAGO RUIZ**

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 17:40 with the Driver Mr. Santiago RUIZ, Co-Driver Mr. Matias RUIZ and Team Representative Mr. Leonardo BALBUENA of Car No. 57.

The Stewards presented the tracking data which confirmed that Car No. 57 drove approximately 200 meters of Special Stage 1 at 12.35km in the reverse direction during reconnaissance on Tuesday 26th August 2025.

The Driver explained that during the first passage of SS1, they encountered a downhill section with three jumps. At the third jump, the crew became confused about their pace notes, and they reversed in order to re-check and correct their notes. The Driver stated that their intention was solely to improve the safety of their drive without gaining any sporting advantage. He also apologised and confirmed that they would not repeat such a manoeuvre in the future.

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 also can 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 a 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 Non-Priority 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>	LEONARDO BALBUENA	<i>Date:</i>	28.8.2025
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