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From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT of Car No. 17
Crew SÉBASTIEN OGIER / VINCENT LANDAIS

All Competitors / Crew members

The Stewards, having become aware of an incident concerning Car 17 on SS12 (Eleftherohori 2), summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts The Driver and Co-Driver of Car 17 did not have their safety belts correctly fastened while the car was in motion after their stoppage on SS12 (Eleftherohori 2).

Offence Breach of Art. 53.1 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, Art. 12.2.1.h of the 2023 FIA ISC and Appendix L Chapter III Art. 4 of the 2023 FIA ISC.

Decision To impose a **2-minute time penalty** on Competitor TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT of Car No. 17, to be applied at TC12A.

Reason The Stewards, having become aware of the incident concerning Car 17 on SS12, examined video evidence and heard from the driver Mr. SÉBASTIEN OGIER, the co-driver Mr. VINCENT LANDAIS and the Sporting Director Mr. KAJ LINDSTRÖM, on Saturday, September 9th, 2023 at 22:00 hrs.

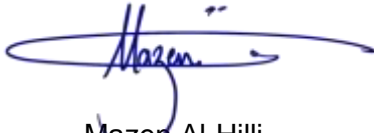
The driver of Car 17 explained that the Crew had stopped on SS12 due to an issue with the rear left wheel of their car. The Crew tried to repair the car but realised that it was not possible to do so and therefore decided to move the car out to a safer location. The Driver entered the car first and fastened the lower portion of his safety belts, at which point the Co-Driver entered the vehicle and started to fasten his safety belts. At that point, the car started to move and (as per the on-board video), after approximately 27 seconds, the Co-Driver was properly restrained into his seat by the safety belts. The Driver was, subsequently, fully restrained after 58-60 seconds after the car had started to move. GPS telemetry data showed that the car was driving during that period at a speed between 30-60 km/h. The Crew apologised for their lapse in judgment and explained that they were focused on moving the car quickly, away from the roadway and into a safer location.

The Crew of Car 17 and the Sporting Director were reminded of the obligations stated in FIA ISC and its Appendixes towards safety equipment, as well as Article 53.1 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, which stipulates that "Whenever a car is in motion on a special stage 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 fastened". The Crew and the Sporting Director acknowledged these requirements and understood how critical they are for the safe running of motorsport events.

As this is the second infringement of the Crew during the 2023 FIA WRC for the same infringement (Stewards Decision No. 4, Croatia Rally 2023), the Stewards therefore

deem to double the time penalty imposed in Croatia Rally 2023 to a 2-minute time penalty.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Mazen Al-Hilli
The Stewards



Tanja Geilhausen



Yiannis Kantas

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	KAJ LINDSTRÖM	<i>Date:</i>	10.9.2023
<i>Position within the team:</i>	SPORTING DIRECTOR	<i>Time:</i>	8:00

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