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**Subject:** STEWARDS DECISION NO. 7 **Document No:** 2.8,

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**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** The Competitor MATTEO FONTANA of car No. 79  
Crew MATTEO FONTANA / ALESSANDRO ARNABOLDI  
  
All Competitors / Crew members

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** The above addressed competitor requested the allocation of a new time on SS6 (Elatia) where the crew was delayed by car No. 78.

**Decision** The time of Competitor No. 79 on SS6 is **not** amended.

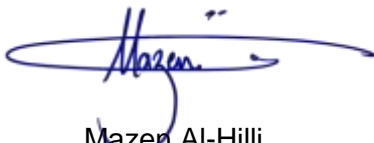
**Reason** Competitor No. 79 stated that they had lost time on SS6 while driving behind Car No. 78, which was driving at a slower pace.

Having examined the report from the Clerk of the Course, the information provided by the competitor, the tracking data available and the split times set by competitors No. 75 and 76 on SS6, the Stewards conclude that the request for a correction of the time is not justified.

The allocation of corrected or notional times is provided for in the FIA WRC Sporting Regulations for certain cases which do, however, not specifically include a crew claiming to having been delayed by another car.

With a view to sporting fairness in competitions and with reference to Art. 1.1.5 of the 2023 WRC Sporting Regulations, the Stewards may consider to exercise their authority under Art. 11.9.2.a and Art. 11.9.3.j of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code. The Stewards may thus decide that, if they deem the time loss to be significant and do not consider it as a "racing incident", a corrected time can be implemented. However, competitors must moreover be able to prove that it was extraordinary circumstances that led to any perceived time loss. The Stewards consider that the above criteria were not met in the present case.

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



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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	<b>LUCA MURDOLO</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>9.9.2023</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	<b>TEAM MANAGER</b>	<i>Time:</i>	<b>12:50</b>

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