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Subject: STEWARDS DECISION No. 9 **Document No:** 2.10

From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor EUGEN CARAGUI of car No. 74
Crew EUGEN CARAGUI / ROBERT FUS

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Deputy Technical Delegate with documentary evidence attached, summoned the above Competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts Car No. 74 left the service park with a front bumper that was not in conformity with the car's homologation form.

Offence Breach of 2023 FIA ISC Art. 10.3.3 and 2023 FIA ISC Appendix J – Art. 261.02-3

Decision **Fine of € 500 on Competitor No. 74**

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2023 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 The FIA Deputy Technical Delegate reported to the Stewards that during routine observations of cars in parc fermé, just after TC6C (Flexi Service A Out – Parc Fermé In), Car 74 was missing part of its bumper below the front grille (bumper lip). Car 74 left the Service Park without the correct front bumper.

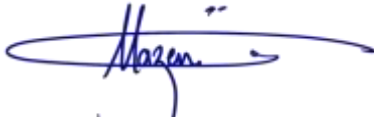
The Stewards, having summoned the above Competitor, heard from the team representative, Mr. BOGDAN DUMITRESCU, on Saturday, September 9th, 2023, at 15:30 hrs.

The team representative explained that on the previous day (Friday), the Crew of Car 74 had sustained damage to the car's front bumper and as such lost part of the bumper's front lip. The team planned to replace the bumper when the car was back to the service park for Flexi Service A. On the car's arrival, the team noticed other damage in the car and therefore needed to undertake some other substantive repair work. The team completed repairs and the car left the service bay and entered overnight parc fermé. The team at that point realised that they had forgotten to replace the damaged bumper. As this Rally has no scheduled morning flexi service, the team therefore, upon exit from the overnight parc fermé, ran the car for the duration of Sections 4 & 5 with a bumper that is not in conformity with the car's homologation form. The team representative apologised for the mistake and explained that this was their first participation in a FIA WRC event and that they were managing/servicing two cars. Moreover, the team was not accustomed to the event's format without a morning flexi service.

Competitors are responsible for the technical conformity of their cars throughout the rally, as specified in Article 32.2.1 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations. Furthermore, Article 10.3.3 of the 2023 FIA ISC requires that: "Automobiles must comply with their respective homologation documents", and contrary to what is mandated in 2023 FIA ISC Appendix J - Article 261.02-3, Car 74's front bumper was not in conformity with its homologation form.

The Stewards, considering that the crew of Car 74 is a non-priority crew and that this is the team's first WRC participation, and having reviewed previous precedents of a similar nature, deem that the fine stated above is appropriate and proportionate.

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>	BOGDAN DUMITRESCU	<i>Date:</i>	9.9.2023
<i>Position within the team:</i>	TEAM REPRESENTATIVE	<i>Time:</i>	19:20

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