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Subject: **Stewards Decision No. 06** Document No.: **2.9**

From: **The Stewards**
To: Competitor car no **79 MARCO ZANIN**
Crew: **Marco ZANIN / Fabio PIZZOL**

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The Stewards, having received a report from SAS Tracking System an onboard video footage on car No. 79 in SS6, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Fact: Car 79 passed the accident of car 78 with "SOS" displayed on the tracking unit without stopping at the scene of the accident.

Offence: Breach of Regional Rally Sporting Regulations Art.53.3.2

Decision: **To impose a 30-second time penalty on the Competitor, to be applied in SS6**

Reason: The Competitor was summoned (Doc. 4.4) and was given the possibility, to bring forward any statements. The co-driver, Mr. Fabio PIZZOL explained that short before the accident (approx 150 m) the display of the tracking unit was showing a red triangle on a red background. Very short after this, the crew saw the driver of car 78 making a gesture that they stay on the right side of the road. He confirmed that no OK sign nor the OK gesture show by the driver.

Art. 53.3.2 is very clear in which is written: *"Any crew which has the red "SOS" sign displayed to them, or which sees a car which has suffered an accident, and the OK sign is not shown, shall immediately and without exception stop to render assistance."*

It follows that it is not at the discretion of the crew whether they stop or not, but they must stop in any case if no OK sign is shown. It is essential for the driver's safety that the cars following the car which had an accident to render help, because they are the first on the scene of the accident. In this case even the SOS was displayed on the tracking system unit.

The Stewards concluded that the crew was in breach of the above regulations. A crew that does not see an OK sign **MUST** always stop. Any loss of time will be compensated by the CoC, so the crew will not have any disadvantage. For an offence such as this, a more severe penalty is usual. However, the Stewards took mitigating circumstances into account because the crew No. 78, although no assistance was required, did not show the OK sign. Also, car No. 79 has reduced the speed.

Competitors are reminded of their right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.



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

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