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Subject: STEWARDS DECISION No. 4 **Document No:** 2.5

From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor KARAN PATEL of car No. 27
Crew KARAN PATEL / TAUSEEF KHAN

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Technical Delegate, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative at their discretion, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts On Friday 13th March 2026, the crew members of car No. 27 opened the bonnet of their car and worked in the engine compartment while in Parc Ferme (before TC2D)

Offence Art. 2.5.1 of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code and Art. 2.13 of the 2026 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations

Decision **10-minute** time penalty to the Competitor of car No. 27 to be applied at TC2D

Reason A hearing was held on Friday 13th March 2026 at 19.10 in the presence of the crew members of car No. 27.

The crew members apologised and explained to the Stewards that at TC2D they had switched on the engine and some smoke had appeared from the bonnet of their car. They immediately asked permission to the marshal appointed at the Parc Fermé to open the bonnet.

After having opened the bonnet, they realised that the smoke was created by a pipe connection and they immediately fixed that inside the Parc Fermé.

The Stewards conducted a further investigation with the Marshal involved, who stated that he did not give permission to the crew of car No. 27 to work in the engine compartment of the car.

As stipulated in Art. 2.13 of the 2026 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations and in Art. 2.5.1 of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code, inside the Parc Fermé no operations, checking, tuning or repairs are authorised.

The Stewards therefore concluded that crew of car No. 27 was in breach of the above regulations and that the sporting penalty imposed is proportional to this serious infringement.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 5 of the 2026 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Edoardo Delleani
The Stewards



David Domingo



Tuta Mionki

RE: STEWARDS DECISION No. 4 – SAFARI RALLY KENYA 2026

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	KIRAN PATEL	<i>Date:</i>	13.3.2026
<i>Position within the team:</i>	TEAM MANAGER	<i>Time:</i>	21:30

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