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Subject: **Stewards Decision no 3** Document No: 2.4

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From: *The Stewards*

To: The competitor with **car no 18** Name: **CONSANI Robert**  
Crew: **CONSANI Robert / CHIAPPE Patrick**

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The Stewards received a written report from the CoC, saying that SS 6 had to be stopped at 19.47 hrs because of an incident on the SS. After the problem was solved the crew of car no. 18 was asked at 20.00 hrs by the marshal at the start of SS 6 to start the stage. The crew refused to start the stage initiated the same reaction by a group of competitors. The crew also did not move the car to the side of the road to let the other cars pass for the start. Finally, the stage had to be cancelled. The Stage Commander says that he spoke with competitor no 18 but he cannot say who else refused to start, as there were too many drivers around him.

The Stewards summoned the driver and the co-driver. The driver showed up and explained that after the stop of the stage he was with the impression that the situation on the stage was not safe and he asked the Stage Commander that a 0-Car should pass before him. Since the Stage Commander refused to send a 0-Car he would not start. He considered the Stage unsafe.

The Stewards, after hearing the CoC, the Stage Commander and the competitor and after due deliberation

### DECIDED

to give a **time penalty of 30 minutes to car no 18** for the breach of Art.31.6.1, 20.1.1 of 2017 FIA RRSR and Art. 12.1.1.c; Art. 12.1.1.i of the FIA International Sporting Code. This decision has been made in accordance with the FIA International Sporting Code Article 12.2.2 and 12.3.1.g.

### Reason:

The crew were asked to start the stage no 6 after an interruption of approximate 13 minutes. They refused to start and even initiated a discussion with the stage commander. By doing so they blocked the road for the following cars which were willing to start the stage. The regulations are very clear that the competitors must follow the instructions of the marshals. It is irrelevant whether the instructions are correct or incorrect; the competitors must always obey all instructions given by an official or marshal. The drivers at a start of Special Stage with a length of 26,44 km are not in a position to evaluate whether a stage is safe or not.

This behaviour cannot be tolerated. It is of great importance for running a safe and well organised event that the competitor follows the marshals' instruction.



The competitor is reminded of his right to appeal.

**Uwe M. SCHMIDT (DEU)**  
FIA Chairman of the Stewards

**Nayia KONTOPOULOU**  
FIA Steward

**Giorgio ALBERTON**  
ASN Steward

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