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| <b>Subject:</b> | STEWARDS DECISION NO. 4 | <b>Document No:</b> | 2.6       |

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**To:** The Competitor TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT of car No. 1  
Crew SEBASTIEN OGIER / JULIEN INGRASSIA

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course with documentary evidence attached, summoned the above crew members as well as Mr. Jarmo Lehtinen, Event Leader, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** Car No 1 was involved in a traffic accident on 25<sup>th</sup> April between Road Book 3 positions page 21 box 5 and page 22 box 6. After the accident, while a police officer was still standing in front of the car, driver Sebastian OGIER drove away from the accident scene.

**Offence** Breach of Articles 12.2.1.c and 12.2.1.h of the FIA International Sporting Code.

**Decision**

- **Fine of € 5000** onto the driver of car No. 1 Sebastian Ogier
- **Suspension of one WRC event** for driver Sebastian Ogier. This penalty is applied with suspension of sentence, should driver Sebastian Ogier commit a breach of Article 12.2.1.c or Article 12.2.1.h of the FIA International Sporting Code before 26 October 2021.

**Reason** The Stewards heard from the crew and Mr. Lehtinen on Sunday, 25.4.2021 at 17:25. Also Mr. Kaj Lindström, Sporting Director, was present at the hearing.

The driver, Mr. Ogier explained that after they had left the service park, they realised they needed to stop to check something on the car. Once they started from the traffic lights, they saw a suitable bus stop on the right and changed the lane to reach the bus stop. Another car was approaching at the same time fast from behind on the same lane and crashed into the right side of car No. 1. Immediately after the accident, Mr. Ogier stopped aside of the road to check that nobody was injured and shared his contact information with the other driver.

When the police arrived on the scene and as they did not speak any English, a team member was requested on site to carry on with the paperwork.

Once Mr. Lehtinen had arrived on the scene, there was a telephone conversation between the rally control and a police officer on the accident scene. It seemed clear that the crew could have continued but, according to Mr. Ogier, this information was not shared with the police officer standing in front of the car. As the crew had already given all their information and as a team representative was on site, Mr. Ogier felt he could leave. Mr Ogier added that he fully understands that this should not have happened and that this makes his behaviour to look very bad as videoclips are spreading in the social media. Mr. Ogier apologized for this offence and promised to contact the driver of the other car involved in the accident and also the police officer who was standing in front of the car to present his apologies also to them.

The Stewards concluded that as such a traffic accident is not necessarily a breach of the regulations. Nevertheless, the behavior of Mr. Ogier cannot be accepted. By driving the car and pushing the police officer aside, Mr. Ogier caused an unsafe situation. The incident is prejudicial to the interest of motor sport.

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



Timo Rautiainen  
The Stewards



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#### Ref: Stewards Decision 4

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

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| <i>Name (in block letters):</i>  | <b>KAJ LINDSTRÖM</b>     | <i>Date:</i> | <b>25.4.2021</b> |
| <i>Position within the team:</i> | <b>Sporting Director</b> | <i>Time:</i> | <b>19:20</b>     |

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