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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 70**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: The Competitor of car no **208 VRT**
Crew: **VLADIMIR VASILYEV / OLEG UPERENKO**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course (Report n°10, Doc. 3.296), having heard the competitor's representatives, have considered the following matter, and after due deliberation determine the following:

Fact: During Selective Section No 8, during a period of 1h05m and over a distance of 89 km, car 221 sent 16 requests of overtaking from which 13 were automatically received by car 208, without any acknowledge message from this one.

Offence: Breach of the article 27.1.4; art. 48.3.1 and 48.3.4 of 2022 FIA CCRSR
Breach of the article 10.5.2 of the Supplementary Regulations.

Decision: **Reprimand**

Reason: The competitor representative and the codriver were summoned and they declared that they found some motorbikes ahead of them in the dunes, so they could not let pass #208. They also declared that every time that they received a request was only a single request. At the end they let pass car #208.

The data received from ERTF confirm that between every received request there was at least 1 minute gap. The stewards can also see that not all the requests sent by #221 were received in the dunes by #208. Two (2) of these requests were sent in the Speed Zones (30 km/h) and five (5) more in tracks.

To make overtaking between competitors safer, a vehicle-to-vehicle communication system (SENTINEL) is be fitted to each vehicle. Article 27.1.3 of CCRSR states that it is prohibited to deliberately block a competitor or prevent them from overtaking. Article 10.5.2 of the Supplementary Regulations state that any competitor caught by another competitor must pull over and allow themselves to be overtaken. Article 48.3.4 of CCRSR states that a crew who refuses to respond to the overtaking request will be reported to the Stewards.

The NAV-GPS system recorded the overtaking requests and the automatic confirmation that the request was received by car n° 208. There is no acknowledgement recorded send by the crew. The Stewards do not have any doubt that the Sentinel system was working properly.

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The Stewards conclude that the above behaviour constitutes a breach of the regulations. Above all, it is unsportsmanlike not to allow faster participants to overtake. Nevertheless, the Stewards only issued a reprimand for this first offence, as the Supplementary Regulations lacks a clear regulation for the use of the SENTINEL system in case of overtaking.

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 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

Uwe M. SCHMIDT
FIA Chairman of the Stewards

Jordi PARRO
FIA Steward

Ahmad JAN
ASN Steward

This decision was notified via SPORTITY to the competitor representative as below:

<i>Name in block letters</i>	Alex Kulikov	Date	11.01.2022
<i>Position in the team</i>	Team Manager	Time	19.10 hrs

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