



Automobile Club d'Italia



**Date** : 8 June 2014 **Time** : 18.30 hrs  
**Subject** : DECISION NO : 11 **Document No:** 2.14  
*From* : The Stewards  
*To* : The Competitor of Car No.47 GIANLUCA LINARI  
Crew GIANLUCA LINARI / NICOLA ARENA

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The Stewards received through the Clerk of the Course a protest lodged by Competitor No. 47, GIANLUCA LINARI, against the time allocated by the Clerk of the Course for Competitor No. 47 for special stage 13 (see Decision No. 8 issued by the Clerk of the Course), in application of Article 39 of the 2014 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

The protest was accompanied by the protest fee as stipulated in the 2014 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

The Stewards acknowledged that this protest was filed in conformity with the 2014 FIA International Sporting Code and declared the protest admissible.

The Stewards then summoned the Competitor concerned and heard him at 16:50 hrs. The Competitor/Driver and the Co-Driver appeared in front of the Stewards.

The Competitor confirmed to the Stewards that his Co-Driver would be given all the necessary authority and proxies to represent him further in this protest procedure.

He explained again the situation as already laid down in his protest.

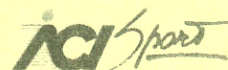
The Competitor underlined again that a fire brigade vehicle was running slowly in the opposite direction of the rally route at about the middle of the stage. He was thereafter massively slowed down by the marshals at the side of the road. After having passed this fire fighting vehicle and after passing the aforementioned marshals, he was of the opinion that the stage had been stopped even though a yellow flag was not to be seen.

He claimed that the time specified in the contested Decision issued by the Clerk of the Course is the time he had actually set despite him being slowed down as described above and that this is not in compliance with Article 39 of the 2014 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

The Stewards also heard the Clerk of the Course and studied the onboard video footage from car 47 on the stage concerned, provided by the Competitor. It was clearly to be seen that starting from the above incident, the car slowed down considerably for a long section until it continued at rally speed.

Having heard the Competitor and the Clerk of the Course and having examined the video footage,

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The Stewards, after due deliberation,

DECIDE

- To declare the protest admissible,
- TO UPHOLD the protest,
- To order the originally allocated time of **46:16,4 minutes** be re-allocated to Competitor No. 47
- To order the refund of the protest fee.

The Competitor is reminded of his right to appeal.

**Waltraud Wunsch**  
Chairperson - Stewards

**Wan Heping**

**Alessandro Degan**

**Received by :**

Name : *NICOLA ARENA*

Competitor : *GIANLUCA LINARI*

Car No : *47*

Date : *08/06/2014*

Time : *18:52*

Signature :