From The Stewards  
To The Team Manager,  
Scuderia Ferrari  
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (document 25) and heard from the driver and team representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver  16 - Charles Leclerc  
Competitor Scuderia Ferrari  
Time 16:16  
Session Qualifying  
Fact Impeding of car 26 in turns 9 and 10 at 16:16.  
Offence Breach of Article 31.5 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.  
Decision Drop of 3 grid positions.  
(1 penalty point awarded, 3 points in total for the 12 month period)

Reason The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 16 (Charles Leclerc) and the team representative and have reviewed video evidence. The driver of Car 16 had been adequately informed by the team after turn 7 that Car 26 would be approaching and that he should watch out for traffic. Following this, he accelerated on the approach to turn 9, but eventually slowed down again after spotting another car in front of him in turn 9 in order to prevent having his following lap affected. Furthermore, the driver of Car 16 stated that it would have been impossible for him to see anything in his rear view mirrors due to the bad weather conditions. Video evidence and telemetry data clearly showed that the driver of Car 26 was impeded by Car 16 in turns 9 and 10. Although the weather conditions might have affected the visibility in the rear view mirrors and the driver had no intention of impeding another car, the Stewards determine that the driver of Car 16 must have been aware of Car 26 approaching, could have reacted differently and therefore impose the above mentioned penalty.

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 Article 10.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.
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The Stewards