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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Sporting Delegate and the Race Director, having examined video evidence, summoned and heard representatives of the São Paulo F1 Organisation (the « **SPF1** »), have considered the following matter, and determine the following:

**Time** 16:00

Session Race

Fact

A large group of spectators managed to break the security lines and accessed the run off area at turn 1 while the race was finishing and cars were still on track. The security measures and/or security officers and/or equipment which were expected to be in place for the Event were not enforced and/or were not sufficient resulting in an unsafe environment for the spectators and drivers.

Offence

Breach of Article 12.2.1.h of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code (i.e. failure to take reasonable measures, thus resulting in an unsafe situation).

## **Reasoned Decision**

- 1. The Stewards heard from representatives from SPF1 and from the FIA and considered the video evidence available on the above facts.
- SPF1 candidly admitted the failures in terms of the security protocols and safety measures. SPF1 concurred with the FIA Sporting Delegate and the Race Director report and agreed that comparable circumstances already occurred in Brazil and that this was an unacceptable situation which could have had disastrous consequences.
- 3. SPF1 stated, in mitigation, that they would conduct a thorough investigation and take steps to remediate in time for the next event in Brazil.
- 4. In the circumstances, the Stewards hereby determine that:
  - a. SPF1 breached Article 12.2.1.h of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code.
  - b. SPF1 urgently (i.e. at the latest by 30th January 2024) present a formal remediation plan to the FIA that adequately addresses the serious concerns above.
- 5. As this relates to serious issues around safety and security, the Stewards hereby request the FIA to review and comment on whether the abovementioned steps are

- adequate to address the concerns raised and to state if any further measure(s) need to be taken, as soon as possible. This should be done directly with SPF1.
- 6. In addition, the Stewards hereby formally refer this incident to the FIA World Motor Sports Council for a further investigation to determine whether any additional steps need to be taken or penalties applied beyond the remediation plan presented by SPF1 (and reviewed by the FIA) to ensure the safe and orderly conduct of future events in Brazil.

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.

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