The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (documents 24 and 25) and heard from the drivers and team representatives, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 55 - Carlos Sainz
Competitor McLaren F1 Team
Time 16:23
Session Qualifying
Fact Car 55 impeded Car 11.
Offence Breach of Article 31.5 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.
Decision Drop of three grid positions.
(1 penalty point imposed, total of 1 point in the 12-month period)
Reason The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 11 (Sergio Perez), the driver of car 55 (Carlos Sainz) and both team representatives and have reviewed multiple angles of video evidence and radio calls to Car 55.

Car 55 was exiting the pits as Car 11 passed through turn 1. Car 11 caught up to Car 55 in turn 2/3 and was unnecessarily impeded by Car 55 at that point and through several subsequent turns. While extraordinary track conditions clearly impacted the situation, radio communications from the team clearly warned Car 55 that Car 11 was behind him.

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