



## 2017 AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX

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<b>To</b>	The Team Manager, Renault Sport F1 Team	<b>Date</b>	08 July 2017
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (documents 25 & 26) and heard the drivers and team representatives, examined telemetry, video evidence and car positioning data, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**No / Driver** 30 - Jolyon Palmer

**Competitor** Renault Sport F1 Team

**Time** 14:07

**Session** Qualifying

**Fact** Alleged impeding by car 30 on car 7 in turn10.

**Offence** Alleged breach of Article 31.6 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

**Decision** No further action

**Reason** The Stewards examined telemetry, video, car positioning data evidence and heard from Jolyon Palmer, the driver of car 30, Kimi Raikkonen, the driver of car 7 and the team representatives.

The Stewards reviewed the data and video and found that Raikkonen had to lift and brake earlier for Turn 10 and was therefore certainly impeded while on a fast lap. The Stewards then focused on, as the rule states, whether Palmer “unnecessarily” impeded Raikkonen.

At the entrance to Turn 9, Palmer was setting up for a fast lap, and was behind four cars that were also setting up for fast laps. At this point, Raikkonen was at least 400 meters behind and could not be seen by Palmer, with Vettel who was also on a slow lap between them. Palmer’s team gave reasonable instructions to Palmer about Vettel. When Vettel and Palmer were between Turn 9 and 10, Vettel pulled to the right to give room for Raikkonen. When Palmer was at the entry point of Turn 10, Raikkonen was at the exit of Turn 9. As Vettel pulled to the right Palmer’s team gave a late warning that Raikkonen was coming. This was the first moment that Palmer could have seen Raikkonen and there was no reasonable action that Palmer could have taken.

The Stewards reviewed whether the team could have given earlier warning, and concluded that over the six second sequence, their actions were reasonable, with cars in front and behind influencing the sequence of events leading to the convergence of Palmer and Raikkonen at Turn 10.

The Stewards therefore concluded that Palmer did not UNECESSARILY impede Raikkonen, and take no further action.

**Tim Mayer**

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**The FIA Stewards of the Meeting**