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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Session Qualifying 1

Time 14:23

Fact The drivers listed below were allegedly driving unnecessarily slowly between Turn 4 and Turn 7.

Decision	Car	Driver	Competitor
1	9	Gabriele Mini	MP Motorsport
2	6	Nikola Tsolov	Campos Racing
3	14	Martinius Stenshorne	Rodin Motorsport
4	20	Emerson Fittipaldi	AIX Racing
5	5	Noel Leon	Campos Racing
6	3	Ritomo Miyata	Hitech
7	2	Joshua Durksen	Invicta Racing
8	15	Alex Dunne	Rodin Motorsport
9	16	Kush Maini	ART Grand Prix
10	17	Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak	ART Grand Prix
11	24	Laurens van Hoepen	Trident

Offence Alleged breach of Appendix L, Chapter IV, Article 2 e of the FIA International Sporting Code.

Decision No further action.

Reason The stewards received a report from the Race Director that Cars #7, 9, 6, 14, 20, 5, 3, 2, 15, 16, 24, 17 were driving unnecessarily slowly between Turns 4 and 7. After reviewing the video and telemetry the Stewards could see that all 12 cars involved were on the same sequence having just completed a push lap and were now on a cool down lap. Car 7 (the first car) slowed progressively without any sudden braking or change of direction and at all times remained off the racing line.

As each driver behind caught up to Car 7 they also slowed and stayed in line without affecting any other driver. Eventually there was a line of 12 cars and at the exit of Turn 6 the entire pack of cars slowed to approximately 30 kph.

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The Stewards summoned and heard the drivers listed above and their team representatives, as well as the driver of Car 7 (Beganovic) and his team representative (Documents 37 to 48).

The drivers each reported that they were aware that the following cars were all on the same sequence and were trying to stay in the order without passing They further reported that in their experience it is safer to stay in the sequence rather than pull out into the racing line and potentially end up impeding a following driver or driving side by side with another car. Eventually one of the cars at the rear of the pack did pull out and passed the line and the whole group accelerated without issue to Turns 7 and 8.

Having considered the matter extensively and with special attention to recent similar incidents in this season the Stewards found that the conditions in this case were material different as there was no erratic driving, unusual braking and there did not appear to be any dangerous situation created. However, the driver of car 7 did not need to slow to this level and still considered that the slow speed was unnecessary and in a separate decision issued a penalty. For the remaining drivers the Stewards elect to take no further action.

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 5 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

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