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To	The Team Manager, Scuderia AlphaTauri	Date	10 April 2022
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (documents 68, 69 & 70) and heard from the drivers and team representatives, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 22 - Yuki Tsunoda

Competitor Scuderia AlphaTauri

Time 15:44

Session Race

Fact Near collision behind the safety car.

Offence Alleged breach of Article 55.5 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

Decision No further action.

Reason The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 47 (Mick Schumacher), the driver of Car 10 (Pierre Gasly), the driver of Car 22 (Yuki Tsunoda) and team representatives and examined video evidence.

Drivers were in line on the main straight behind the safety car with lights on. Cars were accelerating and decelerating to keep tyre and brake temperatures up in anticipation of the restart. GAS slowed in reaction to the car in front, TSU also slowed in reaction. MSC was closer to TSU as he slowed, while trying to maintain the ten car length maximum separation specified in the regulations, and had to move left and overtake TSU while braking to avoid colliding with him. The Stewards find no driver guilty of breaching the regulation, however, it is clear that the speed and braking capabilities of F1 cars, especially while trying to maintain required temperatures in tyres and brakes, are in tension with the ten car length separation behind the Safety Car traditionally specified in the regulations. This needs to be a point of emphasis in future driver briefings, to ensure the drivers collectively agree on how best to address this challenge before an unfortunate incident occurs.

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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