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2001 SAP UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX DECISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF APPEAL

The International Court of Appeal met in Paris on 26 October 2001 in order to examine the appeal brought by the Royal Irish Automobile Club on behalf of Jordan Grand Prix against stewards' decision, set out in document n°31, of the 2001 SAP United States Grand Prix (exclusion of car n°11 - Jarno Trulli - for non-conformity of skid block dimensions).

Having listened to the explanations of the parties and examined the various documents and other evidence, the International Court of Appeal has allowed the appeal of Jordan Grand Prix on the grounds that a steward was absent during the hearing of the team at the United States Grand Prix.

The Court found that this was a breach of article 134 of the International Sporting Code (which provides that all decisions by the College of Stewards should be taken collectively) and thus a breach of the right of defence.

The International Court of Appeal has therefore pronounced the above mentioned stewards' decision null and void; the original classification of the event is, as a consequence, confirmed.

The International Court of Appeal was presided over by Mr. Jan van Rosmalen (Holland) and was composed of Messrs. Vassilis Koussis (Greece) and Philippe Roberti de Winghe (Belgium).

The full text of the International Court of Appeal's decision is available, on request, from the secretariat of the FIA International Court of Appeal in Paris.

Paris, 27 October 2001

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