



# SILK WAY 2020 RALLY

## 丝绸之路拉力赛

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### CANCELLATION OF THE SILK WAY RALLY 2020

On 27 May, following the recommendations of the Russian Ministry of Sport and the Russian Automotive Federation, the Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, D.N. Tchernychenko, ratified the decision to cancel the rally's tenth edition that should be run from July 2 to 11, 2020.

The health of the participants and the public being the absolute priority, the Race Direction understands this decision, taken after an in-depth study of the situation and numerous consultations with all the authorities concerned.

Despite the huge amount of preparation undertaken by the organisation teams, the organisers are still confronted by numerous uncertainties concerning crossing borders, air traffic restrictions and other different quarantine measures still in force in Russia for foreign citizens.

Both a round of the FIM Cross-Country Rallies World Championship and the FIA World Cup for Cross-Country Rallies, the tenth edition of the Silk Way Rally, that should have run from Moscow to Kazan in 8 stages, is therefore cancelled.

As early as next week the organisation committee will meet to start work on preparing the 2021 edition of the Silk Way Rally.

#### **Vladimir Chagin, Organisation Director:**

"We have done a remarkable job, but this decision must be accepted and understood. We have a responsible approach and today health is the absolute priority!"

The worldwide situation is still very sensitive and we have to deal with quarantine measures in most parts of Russia. With those uncertainties, we are not able to finish preparation work, and then organize the event.

Next week we will take advantage of this enforced break to start, with as much enthusiasm as always, the organization of the next edition, that will be as exciting and thrilling as ever."

