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### **NOTE TO TEAMS: WE RACE AS ONE RECOGNITION AND NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Please find below a summary of the requirements for the Pre-Race activity to support the values of WeRaceAsOne and the National Anthem, which must be followed in order to ensure the orderly running of these procedures.

The FIA, Formula 1, Teams and Drivers stand united as a sport in support of the principles of WeRaceAsOne, the initiative created by Formula 1 under the FIA's #PurposeDriven movement. Each driver may choose to mark this moment with their own gesture, while complying with the fundamental principles of the FIA Statutes.

The procedure outlined for the pre-race activities are detailed below together with the associated timings:

13.41:00 At F1 personnel visual cue and an announcement over the PA system each Driver will walk in their race suits to the WeRaceAsOne banner placed across the width of the track and stand by their name card.

Drivers may, if they choose to do so, wear the GPDA issued WRAO t-shirt or any attire conveying a message in support of the WeRaceAsOne values. This attire must be approved by the Drivers' respective teams.

At this stage the VT of driver pledges will be playing on the International feed whilst Drivers get organised and into position.

13.42:00 International Feed goes live to drivers organised in position on the carpet runner.

13.43:00 On the Audio Beep, drivers can choose a gesture of support. As suggestions these gestures could include;

- taking the knee
- standing on banner with arms crossed in front or behind them
- standing on banner and bow head
- standing on banner
- standing on banner and place their hand on the heart

13.43:10 On the Audio Beep, this moment will be concluded with the audio *"Thank you for this statement of support for the values of sustainability, diversity and inclusion, community and ending racism in the world. Formula 1 and the FIA took this moment, in recognition of the importance of We Race As One"* and **drivers remove their t-shirts** and move to their name card position for the National Anthem, wearing their race suits.

13.44:00 The National Anthem.

The FIA, F1 and F1 Teams Communication Directors will continue to manage the media expectations on how this gesture will be marked. Failure to comply with these procedures will be reported to the Stewards.

Please see the attached National Anthem Diagram.

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