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### THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) AMENDS ITS RULES

*Lausanne, 1 October 2009* – The International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS), governing body of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), met in Lausanne on 29 September 2009 to hold its second annual meeting. The ICAS (15 years) and the CAS (25 years) both celebrate a jubilee this year. The ICAS/CAS President, Mr Mino Auletta, presented a commemorative plate to the ICAS Honorary President, H.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch, and to all Council Members to mark the occasion.

The highlight of this meeting was the adoption of the revised Code of Sports-related Arbitration (CAS regulations). The most significant amendment is the prohibition for CAS arbitrators and mediators to also act as counsel before the CAS. This prohibition of the double-hat arbitrator/counsel role was decided in order to limit the risk of conflicts of interest and to reduce the number of petitions for challenge during arbitrations. The other amendments to the Code are related to procedural issues.

The ICAS then confirmed the creation of two new arbitration divisions in 2010, one on the occasion of the Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver and the other on the occasion of the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi. Furthermore, an ad hoc procedure is also being considered for the FIFA World Cup in South Africa.

The ICAS has also agreed in principle to study the possibility of creating new decentralized offices, following those of Sydney and New York, or to establish partnerships with arbitration institutions in other countries. The objective of this study is to facilitate the access to the CAS worldwide.

Furthermore, nine new CAS arbitrators have been appointed. The ICAS shall nominate more new CAS arbitrators and mediators in 2010, an election year for the ICAS as well as for the CAS. To date, the CAS consists of 279 arbitrators and 67 mediators coming from more than 80 countries in the world.

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