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MEN'S 200M FINAL: THE DISQUALIFICATION OF CHURANDY MARTINA (NETHERLANDS ANTILLES) CHALLENGED BEFORE THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)

Lausanne, 5 September 2008, The national Olympic Committee of the Netherlands Antilles (NAOC) has filed an appeal with the Court of Arbitration for Sport against the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) with respect to the Men's 200m final that was held during the Beijing Olympic Games.

Churandy Martina (Netherlands Antilles) finished the race in second position but was subsequently disqualified by the IAAF for having run outside of his lane.

The NAOC requests the CAS to invalidate the procedure followed by the IAAF Jury of appeal and to annul the disqualification of Churandy Martina, mainly for formal reasons. USA Track and Field and the United States Olympic Committee have both requested to participate in this arbitration procedure.

The current ranking of the Men's 200m final at the Beijing Olympic Games is the following:

1. Usain Bolt (Jamaica)
2. Shawn Crawford (USA)
3. Walter Dix (USA)

Further information related to this procedure will be communicated later on.

For further information related to the CAS activity and procedures in general, please contact Mr. Matthieu Reeb, CAS Secretary General. Château de Béthusy, Avenue de Beaumont 2, 1012 Lausanne, Switzerland. Tel: (41 21) 613 50 00; fax: (41 21) 613 50 01, or consult the CAS website: www.tas-cas.org