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### ATHLETICS

#### JOSEPHINE ONYIA DECLARED INELIGIBLE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS

*Lausanne, 7 October 2009* – The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has upheld the two appeals filed by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) and has annulled the initial decisions of the Spanish Athletics Federation (RFEA) of January and March 2009 concerning the Spanish hurdler Josephine Onyia. Consequently, Josephine Onyia is declared ineligible for a period of two years, commencing on 22 September 2009.

Adverse analytical findings were reported for Onyia following a positive test for the substance methylhexanamine at the “*Athletissima*” event held in Lausanne on 2 September 2008, and after she tested positive for the anabolic agent clenbuterol at the “*VTB Bank World Athletics Final*” event which took place in Stuttgart on 13 September 2008. In both cases, the RFEA exonerated the athlete of any doping violation and the IAAF requested the CAS to impose a two year suspension on the athlete.

As the Athlete committed the second anti-doping rule violation before she had received notice of the first violation, the two anti-doping rule violations have been considered as a single violation.

Josephine Onyia has been declared ineligible for all competitions for a period of two years, commencing on 22 September 2009. However, credit is given for the periods of ineligibility already served because of her provisional suspensions totaling 316 days.

In addition to her ban, Josephine Onyia is disqualified from the 100m hurdles at the IAAF meeting “*Athletissima*” held in Lausanne on 2 September 2008 and from all subsequent events until the commencement date of the period of ineligibility with all resulting consequences, including the forfeiture of all titles, awards, medals, points and prize and appearance money.

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