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CHELSEA FC - GAËL KAKUTA - RACING CLUB DE LENS REQUEST FOR STAY GRANTED

Lausanne, 6 November 2009 - The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has granted the request for a stay filed by Chelsea Football Club Ltd and Mr Gaël Kakuta in relation to the decision taken by the FIFA Dispute Resolution Chamber on 27 August 2009.

The FIFA Dispute Resolution Chamber imposed, *inter alia*, a restriction of four months' ineligibility on Mr Gaël Kakuta, and Chelsea Football Club Ltd was banned from registering any new players, either nationally or internationally, for the next two complete, consecutive registration periods. Such sanctions are now stayed until the CAS renders its final decision in this matter.