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FIRST CASE SUBMITTED TO THE AD HOC DIVISION OF THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)

Vancouver, 4 February 2010 – The CAS ad hoc Division has registered its first request for arbitration since its opening on 2 February 2010.

The Australian Olympic Committee has filed an application against the decision of the International Bobsleigh and Tobogganing Federation (FIBT) to not allocate a continental representation quota place to the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) in the Women's Bobsleigh event which is scheduled to commence on 23 February 2010. The AOC requests that the athletes Astrid Loch-Wilkinson and Cecilia McIntosh be able to participate in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver.

This matter is relating to the interpretation of the FIBT's qualification system for participation in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, approved by the International Olympic Committee, and which provides for the allocation of 170 athletes for participation in the discipline of bobsleigh at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, including 130 men and 40 women. According to such qualification system, the Women's bob event is limited to 20 bobsleigh crews selected in accordance with : (i) the highest ranking pilots, (ii) the host nation quota place and (iii) continental representation quota places. The AOC claims that it is entitled to enter a team pursuant to this last criteria.

This matter will be heard by the CAS ad hoc Division on Saturday, 6 February 2010.

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