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### FOOTBALL – AFRICAN CUP OF NATIONS 2010

#### THE TOGO FOOTBALL FEDERATION AND THE AFRICAN FOOTBALL CONFEDERATION REQUEST THE MEDIATION OF THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)

*Lausanne, 22 April 2010* – The Togo Football Federation (TFF) and the African Football Confederation (CAF) have requested the mediation of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in order to solve their dispute which has arisen following the attack against the football team of Togo in the enclave of Cabinda on 8 January 2010. Following this attack, the Togolese team had withdrawn from the African Cup of Nations 2010 and the CAF Executive Committee had excluded the TFF from the next two editions of the African Cup of Nations and had sanctioned it with a fine.

On 8 January 2010, the TFF filed an appeal at the CAS in order to request the annulment of the CAF decision. An arbitration procedure was initiated. During the proceedings, the parties have agreed to submit their dispute to the CAS mediation, under the direction of Mr Joseph S. Blatter, FIFA President and mediator registered at the CAS.

A meeting between the mediator and the parties will take place on 7 May 2010. Since then, considering the confidential nature of the CAS mediation, no other information will be communicated with respect to this case.