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THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) HAS OPENED ITS OFFICE IN NEW DELHI

New Delhi, 3 October 2010 – The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has opened an office in New Delhi in order to resolve any legal disputes which arise during the XIX Commonwealth Games in New Delhi. This special section of the CAS, called the CAS ad hoc Division, has successfully operated at the Commonwealth Games since 1998, as well as in editions of the Olympic Games since Atlanta 1996. Similar tribunals have also been created for the European Football Championships and the FIFA World Cup. The CAS ad hoc Division will render its decisions free of charge and within time limits that keep pace with the competitions.

The Tribunal for the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi is presided over by H.E. Michael Hwang (Singapore) and composed of the following five arbitrators chosen for their expertise in arbitration and sports law: Mr Monty S. Hacker (South Africa), Mr Mark Hovell (England), Mr Henry Jolson QC (Australia), Ms Sangeeta Mandal (India) and Mr Graeme Mew (Canada). The President and the five arbitrators were selected by the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS), an independent body, under the aegis of which the CAS operates. The CAS office in New Delhi is headed by its Secretary General, Mr Matthieu Reeb.

The members of the CAS ad hoc Division who are present in New Delhi during the Games are either lawyers or barristers with specialist knowledge of sports law and arbitration. They are independent of the parties and apply a procedure (set out in the Arbitration Rules for the Commonwealth Games) that complies with fundamental principles of procedural fairness and due process.

Under the CAS rules applicable in New Delhi, if during the Commonwealth Games a person or sports entity wishes to submit a dispute to the ad hoc Division under the terms of Article 28 of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) Constitution, he/she/it must file a request with the CAS Court Office in New Delhi. The President of the ad hoc Division will set up a Panel of three arbitrators and hold a hearing within a short timescale at which all parties, witnesses and possible

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interested third parties are given the opportunity to express their legal arguments and to produce evidence.

As a rule, the CAS renders its decisions within 24 hours. This is made possible by specially designed logistics and organizational structures. The CAS is operational in New Delhi until 14 October 2010.

The CAS offices in New Delhi are located on the second floor of the offices of the Organising Committee of the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games , City Centre II, NDCC Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi, 110 001, India. Telephone number: +91 99 11 429 206; fax number: +91 11 2343 8012. Email: info@tas-cas.org

The CAS is a permanent arbitration institution founded in 1984 and specialized in the resolution of sports law disputes. It has its headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, with decentralized offices in New York and Sydney. The CAS handles approximately 300 cases per year.

For further information related to the CAS activity in New Delhi, or CAS procedures in general, please contact either Mr Matthieu Reeb, CAS Secretary General, or Ms Katy Hogg, Media Assistant (+91 99 11 429 206).