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APPEALS FILED BY FENERBAHCE SK ET FC METALIST KHARKIV DISMISSED BY THE CAS

Lausanne, 28 August 2013 – The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has today dismissed the appeals filed by Fenerbahce SK and FC Metalist Kharkiv against the decisions taken by UEFA to exclude them from the European club competitions. Due to the urgency of both matters, the CAS Panels have issued their decision without the grounds. The full, reasoned awards will be issued as soon as possible.

Fenerbahce SK v. UEFA

UEFA excluded Fenerbahce SK of the UEFA club competitions for two seasons because of match-fixing. The Turkish club appealed such decision to the CAS and in agreement with the parties the CAS established an expedited procedural timetable and granted a stay of the UEFA decision to the Turkish club, allowing it to take part in the qualification phase of the current edition of the Champions League until the outcome of the CAS appeal was known. A two-day hearing was held at the CAS headquarters on 21 and 22 August 2013.

Pursuant to the UEFA decision, which is now confirmed by the CAS, Fenerbahce SK is excluded from two editions of the UEFA club competitions.

FC Metalist Kharkiv v. UEFA

Following a decision taken by a CAS Panel on 2 August 2013 in relation to an appeal against a decision of the Ukrainian Football Federation, UEFA excluded FC Metalist Kharkiv from the UEFA club competitions, edition 2013/2014, due to match-fixing. The Ukrainian club then appealed to the CAS to request that the UEFA decision be suspended pending the outcome of the CAS proceedings. This request for provisional measures was dismissed on 16 August 2013. A second request for provisional measures was then filed by the Ukrainian club on the same day and was rejected on 20 August 2013. The parties agreed to an expedited procedure, and a hearing was held at the CAS on Tuesday, 27 August 2013.

Pursuant to the UEFA decision, which is now confirmed by the CAS, FC Metalist Kharkiv is excluded from the UEFA club competitions 2013/14.