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FIFA PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

MUSA HASSAN BILITY FILES AN APPEAL AT THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)

Lausanne, 9 December 2015 – Musa Hassan Bility has filed an appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) against the FIFA Ad hoc Electoral Committee's decision of 12 November 2015 in which his candidacy for the upcoming presidential election was refused.

The FIFA Ad hoc Electoral Committee noted that Mr Bility had failed to pass the integrity checks carried out by the Investigatory Chamber of the FIFA Ethics Committee, and for this reason, could not be admitted as a candidate for the election for the office of FIFA President on 26 February 2016.

In appealing to the CAS, Mr Bility seeks a final decision declaring that his integrity is not challenged and that he can run for the FIFA presidential election in February. He also filed a request to suspend the execution of the challenged decision to allow him to continue with his election campaign pending a final decision on the merits of the case. Finally, Mr Bility has requested that an expedited procedure be put in place to enable the final decision on the merits to be issued before the end of the year.

FIFA has agreed to the expedited procedure and a procedural calendar has been determined in order to complete the arbitration procedure before the end of 2015. A hearing could take place before Christmas but a date has not been confirmed yet.