

Tribunal Arbitral du Sport



Court of Arbitration for Sport

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THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) REGISTERS THE APPEAL FILED BY MUNIR EL HADDADI AND THE MOROCCAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION AGAINST FIFA AND THE SPANISH FOOTBALL FEDERATION

Lausanne, 10 April 2018 – The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has registered an appeal filed jointly by the football player Munir El Haddadi and the Moroccan Football Federation against the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and the Spanish Football Federation.

Munir El Haddadi and the Moroccan Football Federation are challenging the decision issued on 13 March 2018 by the FIFA Players' Status Committee in which their request to have the sporting nationality of Munir El Haddadi changed from Spain to Morocco was rejected.

A CAS arbitration procedure is in progress. First, the parties will exchange written submissions and a Panel of three arbitrators will be constituted. The Panel will then issue directions with respect to the holding of a hearing. Following the hearing, the Panel will deliberate and issue a decision in the form of an Arbitral Award. The Appellants have requested that the Arbitral Award be issued by mid-May in order for the Player's sporting nationality to be decided prior to the commencement of the FIFA 2018 World Cup.