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THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) ISSUES DECISIONS CONCERNING RUSSIAN ATHLETE ANASTASIYA BAZDYREVA AND RUSSIAN ATHLETICS COACH VLADIMIR MOKHNEV

Lausanne, 23 December 2016 – The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has issued decisions concerning the Russian athlete Anastasiya Bazdyreva (800m) and Russian athletics coach Vladimir Mokhnev, after the IAAF referred their cases to the CAS.

Anastasiya Bazdyreva has been found to have violated Article 32.2(b) of the IAAF Competition Rules (the IAAF Rules) which concerns “*Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method*” and a two-year period of ineligibility, beginning on 24 August 2015, has been imposed on her. All results achieved by Anastasiya Bazdyreva between 23 April 2014 and 24 August 2015, are disqualified and any prizes, medals, prize and appearance money forfeited.

Vladimir Mokhnev, the coach of elite Russian athletes Yuliya Stepanova and Yekaterina Kupina, amongst others, has been found to have violated the IAAF Rules relating to possession, trafficking and administration of banned substances and/or methods and a 10-year period of ineligibility, beginning on 23 December 2016, has been imposed on him.

The CAS has acted as first instance decision-making authority for these matters, substituting for the All Russia Athletic Federation (ARAF), which was suspended at the time the matters were ready to be adjudicated (and which remains suspended). The cases were referred to the same Sole Arbitrator. The evidence submitted by the IAAF in each case, namely admissions by the persons concerned contained in covertly-obtained recordings, was ruled admissible, and showed to the Sole Arbitrator’s comfortable satisfaction that they had breached the IAAF Rules.