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#### THE HEARING OF THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) IN THE MATTER OF 39 RUSSIAN ATHLETES VS/ THE IOC WILL COMMENCE ON 22 JANUARY 2018

*Lausanne, 17 January 2018* – The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) will hear the cases of 39 of the 42 Russian athletes who have challenged the decisions taken by the Disciplinary Commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC DC) in relation to the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympic Games. The IOC DC found the athletes to have committed anti-doping rule violations during the 2014 Olympic Winter Games, disqualified them from the events in which they participated in Sochi and forfeited all medals won by them. The athletes were also declared ineligible to participate in any capacity in all subsequent editions of the Olympic Games.

The 42 appeals have been divided in 3 groups and involve the following athletes:

	<b>GROUP 1</b>	24	Natalia Matveeva (cross-country skiing)
1	Aleksandr Zubkov (bobsleigh)	25	Olga Fatkulina (speed skating)
2	Dmitry Trunenkov (bobsleigh)	26	Alexander Rumyantsev (speed skating)
3	Aleksei Negodailo (bobsleigh)	27	Ivan Skobrev (speed skating)
4	Alexander Kasyanov (bobsleigh)	28	Artem Kuznetsov (speed skating)
5	Aleksei Pushkarev (bobsleigh)		
6	Ilvir Khuzin (bobsleigh)		<b>GROUP 2</b>
7	Alexey Voevoda (bobsleigh)	29	Liudmila Udobkina (bobsleigh)
8	Olga Stulneva (bobsleigh)	30	Ekaterina Lebedeva (ice hockey)
9	Aleksander Tretiakov (skeleton)	31	Galina Skiba (ice hockey)
10	Sergei Chudinov (skeleton)	32	Anna Shibanova (ice hockey)
11	Elena Nikitina (skeleton)	33	Ekaterina Smolentseva (ice hockey)
12	Olga Potylitsyna (skeleton)	34	Ekaterina Pashkevich (ice hockey)
13	Maria Orlova (skeleton)	35	Inna Dyubanok (ice hockey)
14	Alexander Legkov (cross-country skiing)	36	Tatiana Burina (ice hockey)
15	Evgeniy Belov (cross-country skiing)	37	Anna Shchukina (ice hockey)
16	Maxim Vylegzhanin (cross-country skiing)	38	Tatyana Ivanova (luge)
17	Alexey Petukhov (cross-country skiing)	39	Albert Demchenko (luge)
18	Julia Ivanova (cross-country skiing)		
19	Evgenia Shapovalova (cross-country skiing)		<b>GROUP 3</b>
20	Yulia Tchekaleva (cross-country skiing)	40	Olga Zaytseva (biathlon)
21	Anastasia Dotsenko (cross-country skiing)	41	Olga Vilukhina (biathlon)
22	Nikita Kryukov (cross-country skiing)	42	Yana Romanova (biathlon)
23	Alexander Bessmertnykh (cross-country skiing)		

Tribunal Arbitral du Sport



Court of Arbitration for Sport

A CAS procedure has been opened for each athlete. An arbitral panel has been constituted for the first 2 groups of procedures. The cases in the 3rd group of procedures, involving 3 biathletes, have been suspended and will not be heard next week. The Panel for group 1 is composed of Prof. Christoph Vedder (Germany), President, Dr Hamid Gharavi (France) and Dr Dirk-Reiner Martens (Germany). The Panel for group 2 is composed of Prof. Christoph Vedder (Germany), President, Prof. Michael Geistlinger (Austria) and Dr Dirk-Reiner Martens (Germany).

These procedures are being conducted jointly and a combined hearing will take place from 22 to 27 or 28 January 2018. The hearing will start at 9:30am on Monday, 22 January 2018. Due to the exceptional size of this hearing, it will be held at the International Conference Centre of Geneva (CICG). The hearing will not be open to the public. Dr Grigory Rodchenkov and Prof. Richard McLaren have been announced as witnesses but will not be present in Geneva. They are expected to testify by video-conference or telephone-conference.

It is expected that the hearing will conclude in the late afternoon of Saturday, 27 January or possibly on Sunday, 28 January 2018. The date for the communication of the final awards is unknown at the moment but is likely to be between 29 January and 2 February 2018.