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FIRST AD HOC DIVISION OF THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT AT THE ASIAN GAMES

Lausanne, 12 September 2014 – Further to the agreement signed in 2010 between the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS), the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) is proud to announce the creation of an *ad hoc* Division at the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, Korea.

Some 13,000 athletes and officials are expected to participate in the games which will begin on 19 September 2014 and last for 16 days. The temporary CAS office in Incheon will open 4 days in advance of the opening ceremony to ensure that participants have free access to justice rendered within time limits that keep pace with the competitions.

In accordance with the <u>Arbitration rules for the 2014 Asian Games</u>, the ICAS, an independent body under the *aegis* of which the CAS operates, elected its member Michael Hwang (Singapore) to serve as President of the Division and selected six CAS arbitrators to form the tribunal: Dong Su Ahn (Korea), Bruce Collins (Australia), Catherine Davani (Papua New Guinea), Chi Liu (China), Thi My Dung Nguyen (Vietnam) and Vinayak Pradhan (Malaysia). The office in Incheon will be headed by the CAS Secretary General, Matthieu Reeb.

Any participant or sports entity wishing to submit a dispute to the *ad hoc* Division must submit an application form to the temporary CAS Office in Incheon. The President of the *ad hoc* Division will then appoint a panel composed of either one or three arbitrators and a hearing will be rapidly convened. During the hearing all parties, witnesses and potentially affected third parties are invited to express their legal arguments and produce evidence. The *ad hoc* Division generally renders its decisions within 24 hours. This is made possible by the specially designed logistics and organizational structures put in place.

The CAS office in Incheon will be operational from 15 September 2014 to 4 October 2014:

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The CAS is a permanent arbitration institution founded in 1984 and specialized in the resolution of sports law disputes. It has its headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, with decentralized offices in New York and Sydney, and Alternative Hearing Centres in Abu Dhabi, Shanghai, Kuala Lumpur and Cairo. It has nearly 300 arbitrators coming from 85 countries and handles approximately 400 cases per year.

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