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THE CAS HEARING IN THE ARBITRATION INVOLVING SIMONA HALEP (ROM) AND THE INTERNATIONAL TENNIS INTEGRITY AGENCY WILL START ON 7 FEBRUARY 2024

Lausanne, 6 February 2024 - The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) confirms that the hearing in the arbitration procedures *CAS 2023/A/10025 Simona Halep v. International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA)* and *CAS 2023/A/10227 International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) v. Simona Halep* will take place on 7, 8 and 9 February 2024 at the CAS Headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The parties, witnesses and experts will attend the hearing both in person and remotely, including Ms Halep who will be present in person. The hearing will take place behind closed doors since none of the parties requested a public hearing.

The CAS Panel and parties to the proceedings have established a detailed hearing timetable. The hearing will begin on 7 February 2024 at 9:30am with the parties' opening submissions, followed by the testimony of the fact and expert witnesses. The oral closing submissions will take place on the last day. The conclusion of the hearing should be at around 3:30pm on 9 February 2024.

The CAS Panel appointed to hear this matter is composed of The Hon. Annabelle Bennett (Australia), President, Mr Jeffrey G. Benz (USA) and Prof. Ulrich Haas (Germany).

At the parties' request, no further information will be given with respect to the identity of the participants (representatives, experts and witnesses). Ms Halep will not make any statement to the media before the end of the hearing.

Following the hearing, the CAS Panel will deliberate and prepare the Arbitral Award containing its decision and grounds. At this juncture, no indication can be given as to when the final Arbitral Award will be notified to the Parties.