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# THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT UPHOLDS THE APPEAL BY SAMUEL ETO'O AND ORDERS CAF TO INCLUDE HIS NAME ON THE LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE CAF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*Lausanne, 7 March 2025* - The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has upheld an appeal by Mr Samuel Eto'o Fils (Mr Eto'o) and the Cameroonian Football Federation (FECAFOOT) against the exclusion of Mr Eto'o as a candidate for election to the Executive Committee of the Confederation of African Football (CAF).

Mr Eto'o and FECAFOOT appealed to CAS against CAF to annul the decisions rendered on the 24 and 25 January 2025 by CAF's Review Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee and by the CAF Executive Committee, which deemed Mr Eto'o ineligible and excluded him from the list of CAF Executive Committee candidates for election by the CAF Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting on 12 March 2025.

Following a hearing on the 3 March 2025, CAS ruled that:

- *The appeal by Mr. Samuel Eto'o Fils and FECAFOOT on 5 February 2025 against the decisions rendered on 24 and 25 January 2025 by CAF's Review Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee and CAF's Executive Committee is upheld.*
- *The decision by the CAF Executive Committee on 25 January 2025 to not include Mr Samuel Eto'o Fils in the list of CAF Executive Committee candidates for election by the CAF Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting on 12 March 2025 is overturned.*
- *It is ordered that the CAF Executive Committee includes Mr Samuel Eto'o Fils in the list of candidates for election to the CAF Executive Committee by the CAF Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting on 12 March 2025.*

The CAS Panel considered that it was presented sufficient information to overturn the CAF Executive Committee's decision concerning Mr Eto'o's ineligibility. It will be for the CAF Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting on 12 March 2025 to make its own evaluation of the candidates.

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