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THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) REJECTS TWO REQUESTS FOR PROVISIONAL MEASURES FILED BY THE ISRAEL GYMNASTICS FEDERATION

Lausanne, 14 October 2025 – The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has issued orders on requests for provisional measures following two appeals by the Israel Gymnastics Federation (IGF) concerning the participation of the Israeli delegation in the 53rd Artistic Gymnastics World Championships, Jakarta 2025 (World Championships). Both requests for provisional measures were rejected.

The World Championships are taking place from 19-25 October 2025. On 10 October 2025, the Indonesian government issued a statement that Israeli athletes due to participate in the competition were not granted visas. The IGF subsequently filed two appeals to CAS with requests for urgent provisional measures.

The first appeal, filed on 10 October 2025, is against the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) requesting the annulment of the FIG statement issued the same day, “taking note” of the Indonesia’s decision not to issue visas to the Israeli delegation.

The second appeal, filed on 13 October 2025, is joint with six Israeli athletes who qualified for the championships (Artem Dolgophyat, Eyal Indig, Ron Payatov, Lihie Raz, Yali Shoshani and Roni Shamay) and is also against the FIG. This appeal requests that CAS orders FIG to take the necessary measures that guarantee Israeli participation in the championships, or in the alternative, to move or to cancel the championships.

The IGF argued in their appeal that the FIG Statutes require the FIG Executive Committee to pass a decision in case entry visas are not granted to all participating delegations. They also argued that the absence of a decision constitutes a denial of justice, thus creating a situation of discrimination against a member association. The FIG emphasized that it has no prerogatives in the issuance of entry visas in Indonesia and that the fact that Indonesian authorities have refused to grant visas to Israeli individuals falls entirely outside the competence of the FIG.

The requests for urgent provisional measures were considered by the Deputy President of the CAS Appeals Arbitration Division. Both requests have been rejected. The first appeal will be terminated due to a lack of jurisdiction. The second appeal is still ongoing.

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