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THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) DECLARES THE APPEALS FILED BY THE COMOROS FOOTBALL FEDERATION INADMISSIBLE

Lausanne, 4 June 2019 - In the dispute between the Fédération de Football des Comores (FFC) and the Confédération Africaine de Football (CAF) over Cameroon's participation in the African Cup of Nations (CAN), the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has declared the two appeals filed by the FFC inadmissible.

The first appeal was filed by the FFC on 28 January 2019 "*on the basis of a failure to reach a decision constituting a denial of justice*". On 11 February 2019, the FFC filed a second appeal against CAF's decision of 30 January 2019 not to suspend Cameroon's national A team for CAN 2019 and to allocate the organisation of CAN 2021 to the Cameroon Football Federation (FECAFOOT).

The two arbitration proceedings were joined and submitted to a Panel of three CAS arbitrators which held a hearing with the parties on 29 May 2019 at the CAS headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.

On the basis of the evidence and arguments presented by the parties, the CAS Panel concluded that the appeals were inadmissible. The Panel referred to the consistent case law of the CAS according to which any legal claim must be based on an interest worthy of protection.

The Panel concluded that the FFC had no concrete sporting interest. Indeed, according to the CAF regulations, the Panel considered that, even in the event of disqualification of the Cameroon national team, such disqualification would have no impact on the ranking of the FFC in its qualifying group for the 2019 CAN and that it was therefore mathematically impossible for it to qualify for this competition.

The CAS Panel also concluded that the FFC had no sufficient legal interest in requesting that FECAFOOT be suspended by CAF.

The reasons for the CAS award will be notified to the parties in the coming weeks.