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THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) REGISTERS THE APPEAL FILED BY CHELSEA FOOTBALL CLUB

Lausanne, 7 June 2019 – The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has registered an appeal filed by Chelsea Football Club Ltd (CFC) against the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).

The appeal is directed against the FIFA Appeal Committee decision dated 11 April 2019 in which CFC was declared liable for violations of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players and banned from registering new players, nationally and internationally, for two entire and consecutive registration periods, fined CHF 600,000, issued with a reprimand and warned on its future conduct.

Generally speaking, CAS appeal arbitration procedures involve an exchange of written submissions between the parties while a Panel of CAS arbitrators is being convened to hear the appeal. Once the Panel has been formally constituted it issues procedural directions, including, *inter alia*, with respect to the holding of a hearing. Following the hearing, if one is held (a CAS Panel may also issue a decision based only on the parties' written submissions), the Panel deliberates and then issues its decision in the form of an Arbitral Award.

It is not possible to say at this time when the Arbitral Award will be issued.

CAS will not provide any further information in relation to this procedure, except to issue a Media Release announcing the Panel's decision.