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COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) TO RULE ON THE APPEALS FILED BY ESPERANCE SPORTIVE DE TUNIS AND WYDAD ATHLETIC CLUB BY 31 JULY 2019

Lausanne, 15 July 2019 – The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has registered the appeals filed by Wydad Athletic Club (Morocco) on 14 June 2019 and by Espérance Sportive de Tunis (Tunisia) on 17 June 2019 against the decision issued by the Executive Committee of the African Football Confederation (CAF) on 5 June 2019 in which they were ordered to replay the second leg of the CAF Champions League Final 2018/2019 on neutral ground (the “Challenged Decision”).

In its appeal, Wydad Athletic Club mainly requests that the Challenged Decision be set aside and, consequently, to be declared winner of the 2018/2019 CAF Champions League and to receive the prize money allocated to the winner.

Espérance Sportive de Tunis, in its appeal, seeks as main prayers for relief that the challenged decision be considered as null and void and, consequently, to be declared winner of the 2018/2019 CAF Champions League, to keep the trophy and medals awarded on 31 May 2019 and to order CAF to pay the prize money attributed to the winner.

The clubs and the CAF have prepared and agreed upon a procedural timetable for the CAS arbitration, with a final decision to be issued, at the latest, on 31 July 2019.

CAS will not provide any further information in relation to this procedure, except to issue a media release announcing the final decision.