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JUSTICE YVONNE MOKGORO †

MEMBER COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)

Lausanne, 14 May 2024 – The International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS) is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of ICAS Member Justice Yvonne Mokgoro (South Africa) at the age of 73.

Justice Mokgoro's unwavering commitment to justice, equality and human dignity was evident throughout her illustrious career as a judge and human rights activist in South Africa which culminated in her appointment shortly after the end of apartheid as a judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa by former President Nelson Mandela. Justice Mokgoro was the first black woman to sit on the Constitutional Court's bench and served for 15 years from 1994 until her retirement from the bench in 2009. Justice Mokgoro also chaired the South African Law Reform Commission and served on the benches of both Lesotho and Namibia. Beyond her home country, Justice Mokgoro chaired the United Nations Internal Justice Council and taught at universities in the UK, the US and the Netherlands. Justice Mokgoro was recognised for her exceptional contribution when she was conferred with the National Order of the Baobab in 2015, an Order awarded to South African citizens for distinguished service well above and beyond the ordinary call of duty.

It was a great privilege to welcome Justice Mokgoro to ICAS, the governing body of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in 2014 when she was nominated for membership by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Justice Mokgoro immediately captured the attention and respect of the Council's members with her insightful contributions to the Council's debates. Justice Mokgoro was a founding member of the ICAS Working Group on Human Rights. Her deep knowledge of this subject, as well as that of the other members of the Working Group, clearly shaped ICAS policy in this regard in recent years. Justice Mokgoro was recently reappointed to ICAS serve the term 2023-2026. Her passing, in such tragic circumstances after a car accident and related illness, is a great loss to ICAS. Justice Mokgoro was a very valued member of ICAS and will be sorely missed by the remaining members as well as by the CAS staff who worked with her. The ICAS expresses its deepest sympathies to Justice Mokgoro's family.

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