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## MEDIA RELEASE (5)

### MEN'S SKI CROSS

#### CANADA AND SLOVENIA REQUEST THE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE THREE MEDALISTS IN THE MEN'S SKI CROSS

*Sochi, 22 February 2014* – Today, the *ad hoc* Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) registered two urgent applications: the first one filed by Alpine Canada (AC) and the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) and the second by the Slovenian Olympic Committee (SOC), both against the decision rendered by the Competition Jury of the International Ski Federation (FIS) on 21 February 2014. The decision challenged is related to protests made by AC, with the support of the COC, and by the SOC “regarding the actions of the French team competing on February 20, 2014 in the Men’s Ski Cross competition”. The FIS Competition Jury decided that the protests could not be entertained because they have not been filed on time after the race.

The AC/COC/SOC ask for the disqualification of all of the French competitors from the 20 February 2014 Ski Cross Big Final competition (Jean-Frédéric Chapuis, Arnaud Bovolenta and Jonathan Midol) and for the correction of the final rankings. They allege that, just before the Big Final, French support staff changed the shaping of the lower leg suits of the riders creating an aerodynamic effect that the Appellants submit is contrary to the International Freestyle Skiing Competition Rules.

The Respondents in this arbitration procedure are the FIS and the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The French NOC (CNOSF) has been designated as interested party.

A Panel of the CAS *ad hoc* Division will hear this case during the night.

A new media release will be published before 2pm on 23 February 2014.