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THE SITUATION WITH THE PROCEDURES BEFORE THE CAS

Lausanne, 22 August 2013 – At the time of writing, the situation with the arbitration procedures concerning qualification or exclusion of clubs in the Champions League and Europa League is as follows:

FC Metalist Kharkiv v. UEFA

Following a decision taken by a CAS Panel on 2 August 2013 in relation to an appeal against a decision of the Ukrainian Football Federation, UEFA excluded FC Metalist Kharkiv from the UEFA Champions League edition 2013/2014, due to match-fixing. The Ukrainian club then appealed to the CAS to request that the UEFA decision be suspended pending the outcome of the CAS proceedings. This request for provisional measures was dismissed on 16 August 2013. A second request for provisional measures was then filed by the Ukrainian club in the same evening and was rejected on 20 August 2013. The parties agreed to an expedited procedure, and a hearing will be held at the CAS on Tuesday, 27 August 2013. A final decision will be issued on 28 August 2013 at the latest. In sporting terms, FC Metalist which was due to meet FC Schalke 04 in the playoff of the Champions League was replaced by its former opponent, PAOK Saloniki. Maccabi Tel-Aviv FC, which was supposed to play against PAOK Saloniki in the playoff of the Europa League, has been directly qualified for the group phase.

Fenerbahce SK v. UEFA

UEFA excluded Fenerbahce SK of the Champions League for two seasons because of match-fixing. The Turkish club has appealed such decision to the CAS and, in agreement with the parties, the CAS established an expedited procedural timetable and granted a stay of the UEFA decision to the Turkish club, allowing it to take part in the current edition of the Champions League for the moment. A hearing is currently taking place at the CAS headquarters and will end tonight. A final decision in this matter is scheduled to be issued on 28 August 2013.

**Besiktas JK v. UEFA**

UEFA excluded Besiktas JK from the current edition of the Europa League because of match-fixing. The Turkish club appealed such decision to the CAS. In agreement with the parties, the CAS set a timetable for an accelerated procedure and granted the stay of the UEFA decision, allowing Besiktas JK to participate in the current edition of the Europa League for the moment. The parties were heard at a hearing at the CAS on 20 August 2013 and a final decision in this matter should be made by 30 August 2013, at the latest.

FC RedBull Salzburg v. UEFA

FC RedBull Salzburg which was beaten by Fenerbahce SK in the third qualifying round of the Champions League approached the UEFA bodies to request that Fenerbahce SK be declared the loser of the match between it and the Austrian club in order for Redbull Salzburg to be able to participate in the play-off matches against Arsenal FC. This request was rejected by UEFA and Salzburg filed an urgent appeal at the CAS in the evening of 20 August 2013 requesting that the matches Fenerbahce SK-Arsenal FC (Champions League) and FC Red Bull Salzburg FC-Zalgiris Vilnius (Europa League) be postponed to a later date. This request for interim measures was rejected by the CAS on 21 August 2013. A hearing date has not been set for this matter for the moment.