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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE CASE OF IAAF v. TURKISH ATHLETIC FEDERATION AND ASLI CAKIR-ALPTEKIN: THE ATHLETE WILL SERVE AN 8-YEAR BAN

Lausanne, 17 August 2015 - The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has issued a Consent Arbitral Award in the arbitration procedure between the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), the Turkish Athletic Federation (TAF) and the Turkish middle distance runner Asli Cakir-Alptekin.

The Consent Arbitral Award ratifies a settlement agreement signed between the parties relating to abnormal values found in blood samples collected from the athlete between July 2010 and October 2012. Ms Cakir-Alptekin is found to have committed a second anti-doping rule violation, after a first one committed in 2004, and shall serve a period of ineligibility of eight years, to expire at midnight on 9 January 2021. Furthermore, all competitive results obtained by the athlete from 29 July 2010 onwards are disqualified, and all related titles, awards, medals, points and appearance money are forfeited. This includes in particular the Olympic gold medal won in London in 2012 and the gold medal won at the European Championships in the same year.

In January 2013, the IAAF charged the athlete with an anti-doping rule violation on the basis of her Athlete Biological Passport. The athlete's case was heard by the TAF Disciplinary Board which ruled in December 2013 that no penalty should be imposed on her. The IAAF disagreed with the TAF decision to exonerate the athlete and referred the case to the CAS. During the course of the CAS procedure, before a hearing could be held, the parties negotiated and concluded their settlement agreement which is ratified in the Consent Arbitral Award. The proceedings before the CAS are now closed.

The Consent Arbitral Award is published in full on the CAS website: www.tas-cas.org/en/jurisprudence/recent-decisions

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