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### FOOTBALL

#### THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATIONS OF ALBANIA AND SERBIA FILE APPEALS AT THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)

*Lausanne, 8 January 2015* - The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has registered two new appeals procedures, one between the Football Association of Albania and UEFA, and the other between the Football Association of Serbia and UEFA. The appeals are directed against the decision taken by the UEFA Appeals Body on 2 December 2014 to confirm the earlier decision of the UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body.

The cases surround the UEFA Euro 2016 qualifying match played between Serbia and Albania on 14 October 2014 in Belgrade which was ultimately abandoned. Following an investigation into the events which took place at the match, the UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body sanctioned the Football Association of Serbia with a three-point deduction for the current UEFA Euro 2016 qualifying round, a fine of EUR 100,000 and an order that the next two competition matches at home be played behind closed doors, and sanctioned the Football Association of Albania with the loss of the match 3-0 and a fine of EUR 100,000.

In appealing to the CAS, the football associations of Albania and Serbia seek to annul the UEFA decisions or subsidiarily to reduce the sanctions that were imposed. Two arbitration procedures have been opened and are being conducted in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration. The CAS will not comment any further at this time.