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CAS DISMISSES URGENT REQUEST FOR PROVISIONAL MEASURES FILED BY ALEX SCHWAZER

Lausanne, 19 July 2016 - The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has dismissed an urgent request for provisional measures filed by the Italian racewalker Alex Schwazer who sought an order from the CAS lifting his provisional suspension from competition.

On 8 May 2016, the athlete returned to competition following the expiry of a period of ineligibility imposed upon him in relation to an anti-doping rule violation committed shortly before the London 2012 Olympic Games. On 8 July 2016, the athlete was provisionally suspended by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) while an investigation into a new alleged anti-doping rule violation is carried out by the Italian Athletics Federation (FIDAL).

Alex Schwazer filed a statement of appeal and request for provisional measures with the CAS on 14 July 2016 challenging the IAAF's decision to impose a provisional suspension on him and the decision of the Tribunale Nazionale Antidoping (TNA) of 11 July 2016, denying jurisdiction to rule on the Athlete's request to set aside the suspension imposed by the IAAF. The IAAF, the Italian Olympic Committee (CONI) and FIDAL filed written submissions which were considered by the President of the CAS Appeals Arbitration Division together with the Athlete's submissions when she rendered her Order dismissing the athlete's request for provisional measures.

With respect to the next steps, the CAS has suggested to the parties that, with their consent, an expedited arbitration procedure be conducted by CAS so that a final decision on the merits can be issued as soon as possible.