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THE CAS AD HOC DIVISION DISMISSES THE APPLICATION FILED IN RELATION TO COOK ISLANDS SWIMMER WESLEY TIKIAIRKI ROBERTS; DOES NOT HAVE JURISDICTION TO ENTERTAIN THE APPLICATION FILED BY SAUDI WEIGHTLIFTER MAHMOUD AL HAMID; DISMISSES THE APPLICATION FILED BY THE ISRAEL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION & ROY REVIVO

Paris, 24 July 2024 – Decisions have been issued yesterday evening and today by the CAS Ad hoc Division for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in the following matters:

CAS OG 24/02 Cook Islands Aquatics Federation and Cook Islands Sports and National Olympic Committee v. World Aquatics

The Cook Islands Aquatics Federation (CIAF) and the Cook Islands Sports and National Olympic Committee (CISNOC) (the Applicants) filed an application against World Aquatics (WA) seeking a Universality Place for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games for the Cook Islands swimmer, Wesley Tikiairki Roberts. The Sole Arbitrator appointed to decide the matter, Ms Kristen Thorsness OLY (USA), held a hearing with the parties on 23 July 2024. The Sole Arbitrator determined WA's interpretation of sections C.2 and D.3 of the World Aquatics Qualification System for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in relation to Mr Roberts's case to be reasonable and appropriate. Accordingly, Mr Roberts was not eligible to be entered as a participant in the Olympic Games and the application was dismissed. The Arbitral Award will be published by CAS shortly unless the parties request confidentiality.

CAS OG 24/03 Mahmoud Al Hamid v. International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)

The Saudi weightlifter Mahmoud Al Hamid filed an application seeking an exceptional entry to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games weightlifting competition as he could not participate in qualifying competitions between 21 January to 2 May 2024 due to a provisional suspension following a positive anti-doping test (A sample), not confirmed by the test of the B sample. The matter was handled by Mr Lars Hilliger (DEN) sitting as a Sole Arbitrator. He determined that the CAS Ad hoc Division did not have jurisdiction since the IWF decision challenged was issued on 24 May 2024, i.e. largely outside the temporal jurisdiction of the CAS Ad hoc Division. Only the operative part of the award was notified; the full award with grounds will be published at a later date.



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CAS OG 24/04 Israel Football Association (IFA) & Roy Revivo v. FIFA

An application was filed by the Israel Football Association and Mr Roy Revivo seeking permission for Roy Revivo to be able to participate in the Israeli football team's first Olympic match (and any subsequent Olympic matches). Revivo was sent off during a match against Iceland on 21 March 2024 (UEFA Qualifiers Play-off stage) and was suspended for 2 matches by UEFA. By decision of 22 July 2024, FIFA informed IFA that the 2-match suspension would have to be served during the Olympic tournament. The Applicants requested that the FIFA decision be set aside and that Roy Revivo be permitted to participate in the Olympic Games. The Panel of arbitrators appointed to decide this dispute, composed of Mr Lars Hilliger (DEN), President, Prof. Song Lu (PRC) and Dr Leanne O'Leary (UK/New Zealand) held a hearing with the parties this morning. The Panel decided to dismiss the application and to confirm the FIFA decision challenged. Only the operative part of the award was notified; the full award with grounds will be published at a later date.