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PROF. DR NABIL ELARABY (1935-2024) †

FORMER BOARD MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF THE ORDINARY ARBITRATION DIVISION OF THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)

Lausanne, 27 August 2024 – The International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS) mourns the passing of former ICAS Member Prof. Dr Nabil Elaraby (Egypt) at the age of 89.

Prof. Dr Elaraby was recommended for ICAS membership by its founding President, Judge Kéba Mbaye, who knew him from their time together at the International Court of Justice in The Hague, and appointed by the ICAS members as a personality coming from outside the Olympic Movement during the ICAS Meeting held in Osaka, Japan, in 2001. During his time with ICAS, Prof. Dr Elaraby served as a member of the ICAS Board, and as President of the Ordinary Arbitration Division, between 2010 and 2016. Prof. On his retirement from ICAS in 2018, the International Olympic Committee President recognized Prof. Dr. Elaraby's contribution to ICAS by awarding him the Olympic Order.

A much respected and esteemed Egyptian diplomat and politician, as well as a brilliant legal mind, Prof. Dr Elaraby, actively contributed to the ICAS and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). Both bodies benefited greatly from his wise counsel and the experience gained from his membership of the United Nations International Law Commission and the Permanent Court of Arbitration, as well as through his functions as a judge at the International Court of Justice, as a Minister of Foreign Affairs for Egypt, as Secretary-General of the Arab League, and as an independent international arbitrator, amongst his many other accomplishments.

John Coates, ICAS President, declared: *“Dr Elaraby played a significant role at ICAS, expressing the voice of a large region going from North Africa to the Middle East. His huge experience and excellent reputation in international law and arbitration was extremely helpful to ICAS. We have lost a great lawyer, a great man and a great friend.”*

Matthieu Reeb, CAS Director General, declared: *“The appointment of Dr. Elaraby at ICAS was in the long-standing ICAS tradition to have high-level international judges among its members. Dr. Elaraby's wise opinions and advice were always highly regarded and his influence within ICAS was considerable, in particular with respect to the implementation of the first legal aid guidelines in 2013. Dr Elaraby has been a very active participant in the ICAS activities during his 17 years of service.”*

The ICAS expresses its deepest sympathies to Prof. Dr Elaraby's family.