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THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) REDUCES THE PERIOD OF INELIGIBILITY IMPOSED ON ANDRÉ ONANA FOR AN ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATION FROM 12 MONTHS TO 9 MONTHS

Lausanne, 10 June 2021 - The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has issued its decision in the appeal arbitration proceedings between André Onana and the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) in relation to the decision issued by the UEFA Appeals Body on 4 February 2021 (the Challenged Decision) in which André Onana was found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation without “significant fault” (furosemide, a specified substance on the WADA Prohibited List) and sanctioned with a 12-month suspension.

The Panel of CAS arbitrators in charge of the matter partially upheld the appeal and reduced the period of ineligibility imposed on André Onana from 12 months to 9 months, commencing on 4 February 2021 and ending on 3 November 2021.

In coming to its decision, the CAS Panel also found that no “significant fault” could be attributed to André Onana who had ingested medication destined for another person in error. On that basis, the Panel considered that a 9-month ban was proportionate to the negligence committed and reduced the suspension by 3 months, but could not accept the goalkeeper’s request for the removal of the suspension entirely.

The CAS Panel has issued its decision, without the grounds, which will be notified to the parties in the coming weeks.