

Tribunal Arbitral du Sport
Court of Arbitration for Sport

CAS 2018/A/5989 IAAF v. Qatar Athletics Federation & Musaeb Abdulrahman Balla

ARBITRAL AWARD

delivered by the

COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT

sitting in the following composition:

President: Mr Ulrich **Haas**, Professor in Zurich, Switzerland
Arbitrators: Mr Murray **Rosen QC**, Barrister in London, United Kingdom
Mr Mark **Hovell**, Solicitor in Manchester, United Kingdom
Ad hoc Clerk: Ms Amrei Keller, Attorney-at-law in Zurich, Switzerland

in the arbitration between

International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF), Monte Carlo, Monaco

Represented by Mr Ross Wenzel and Mr Magnus Wallsten, Kellerhals Carrard, Lausanne, Switzerland

Appellant

and

Qatar Athletics Federation, Doha, Qatar

Represented by Mr Jan Kleiner, Kleiner & Cavaliero AG, Zurich, Switzerland

First Respondent

Mr Musaeb Abdulrahman Balla, London, United Kingdom

Represented by Mr Claude Ramoni, Lirba Law SA, Lausanne, Switzerland

Second Respondent

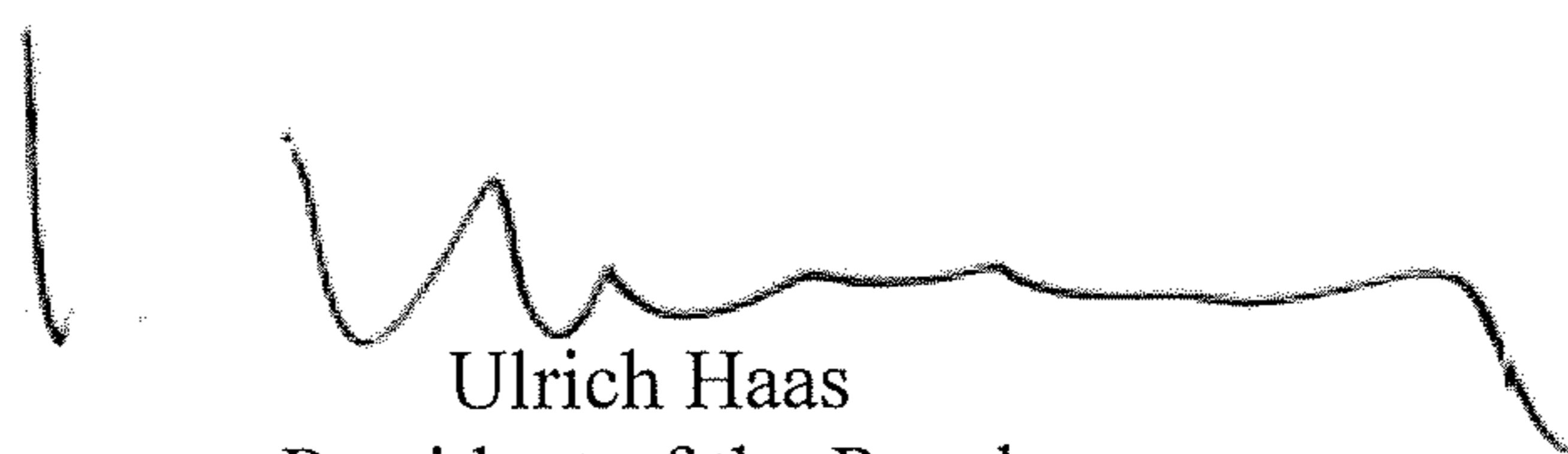
ON THESE GROUNDS

The Court of Arbitration for Sport rules:

1. The appeal filed on 31 October 2018 by the International Association of Athletics Federations against the decision issued by the Disciplinary Tribunal of the Qatar Athletics Federation on 31 August 2018 is admissible.
2. The decision issued on 31 August 2018 by the Disciplinary Tribunal of the Qatar Athletics Federation is set aside.
3. Mr Musaeb Abdulrahman Balla is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation.
4. Mr Musaeb Abdulrahman Balla is sanctioned with a period of ineligibility of four (4) years starting on the date on which the CAS award enters into force. Any period of provisional suspension effectively served by Musaeb Abdulrahman Balla before the entry into force of the CAS award shall be credited against the total period of ineligibility to be served.
5. The costs of the arbitration, to be determined and served by the CAS Court Office, shall be borne by Mr Musaeb Abdulrahman Balla and the Qatar Athletics Federation in equal shares.
6. Mr Musaeb Abdulrahman Balla and the Qatar Athletics Federation are ordered to pay jointly and severally to the International Association of Athletics Federations a total amount of CHF 10,000 (then thousand Swiss francs) as a contribution to its legal fees and other expenses incurred in connection with these arbitration proceedings.
7. All other motions and prayers for relief are dismissed.

Seat of arbitration: Lausanne, Switzerland
Date: 6 June 2019

THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT



Ulrich Haas
President of the Panel