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### ATHLETICS – ANTI-DOPING

#### THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) ISSUES DECISIONS IN THE CASES OF STANISLAV EMELYANOV, EKATERINA POISTOGOVA, VLADIMIR KAZARIN AND ALEXEY MELNIKOV

*Lausanne, 7 April 2017* – The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has issued decisions concerning Russian race walker Stanislav Emelyanov, Russian middle distance runner Ekaterina Poistogova and Russian athletics coaches Vladimir Kazarin and Alexey Melnikov.

Stanislav Emelyanov, a Russian race walking athlete, is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to Rule 32.2(b) of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Competition Rules (*Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method*) and has been sanctioned with an eight-year period of ineligibility starting on 7 April 2017. This is his second anti-doping offence. All competitive results obtained by Mr. Emelyanov from 2 June 2015 through the commencement of his suspension period are disqualified, with all the resulting consequences.

Ekaterina Poistogova, a Russian middle distance runner, is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to Rule 32.2(b) of the IAAF Competition Rules (*Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method*) and has been sanctioned with a two-year period of ineligibility starting on 24 August 2015. All competitive results obtained by Ms. Poistogova from 21 October 2014 through to the commencement of her suspension of 24 August 2015 are disqualified, with all the resulting consequences.

Vladimir Kazarin, a Russian athletics coach, training short, middle and long-distance runners, is found to have committed anti-doping rule violations pursuant to rules 32.2(f) (*possession*), (g) (*trafficking*) and (h) (*administration*) of the IAAF Competition Rules and has been sanctioned with lifetime ban starting on 7 April 2017.

Alexey Melnikov, the former senior coach of the Russian national athletics team, is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to Rule 32.2 (h) of the IAAF Competition Rules (*administration*) and has been sanctioned with lifetime ban starting on 7 April 2017.

All four cases were separately heard directly before CAS Panels as a single hearing pursuant to IAAF Rule 38.19.