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Re: Boris Becker – Press Release

Please see attached Press Release.

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TENNIS ACE BORIS BECKER ASSERTS DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY IN THE HIGH COURT

BECKER, WHO IS BEING SUED FOR BANKRUPTCY HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS SPORTS ATTACHÉ TO THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

LONDON: Lawyers acting for the legendary tennis ace Boris Becker have lodged a claim in the High Court in London today, asserting diplomatic immunity against attempts to prolong and further enforce bankruptcy proceedings that were brought against him last year in relation to money he allegedly owes to a London-based private bank, Arbuthnot, Latham and Co.

The Trustees in Bankruptcy have applied to the High Court to prolong Mr. Becker's period of bankruptcy in order to realise further assets.

Today, however, Mr. Becker's lawyers informed the Court that since the proceedings began, Mr. Becker has been appointed as Ambassador to the Central African Republic, a post that attracts diplomatic immunity under the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. On 27 April 2018, the Government of the Central African Republic selected Mr. Becker as its Attaché to the European Union on sporting, cultural and humanitarian affairs. According to the 1961 Convention, this means that he cannot be subject to legal process in the courts of any country for so long as he remains a recognised diplomatic agent. He may not be made subject to any legal process, whatever the merits, without the express consent of the Central African Republic; and legal claims can only be served on him through diplomatic channels. This would require the consent of Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson as well as the consent of his opposite number in the Government of the Central African Republic.

Mr. Becker has retained the services of renowned international lawyer Ben Emmerson QC to handle his claim to diplomatic immunity. Mr. Emmerson is a former United Nations Special Rapporteur and currently sits as a judge on several U.N. International Tribunals. He previously acted for Pakistani fast bowler Mohammad Amir on a match-fixing charge relating to a Lords test against England in 2010, in which Amir, then a rising star, played for the Pakistan national cricket team. Emmerson also acted for Julian Assange in contesting his extradition to Sweden, prior to taking refuge in the Ecuadorian Embassy in Knightsbridge. In 2016 he represented Marina Litvinenko in the public inquiry into the 2006 assassination of her husband Alexander Litvinenko by Russian FSB agents, using the radioactive isotope Polonium 210.

Mr. Becker said today:

"The decision to commence bankruptcy proceedings against me was both unjustified and unjust. A bunch of anonymous and unaccountable bankers and bureaucrats pushed me into a completely unnecessary declaration of bankruptcy, which has inflicted a whole heap of damage on me, both commercially and professionally, and on those close to me. I have now asserted diplomatic immunity as I am in fact bound to do, in order to bring this farce to an end, so that I can start to rebuild my life. Once this gravy train for the suits has been stopped in its tracks, my lawyers will turn to the question of compensation. I will be coming after the people who forced this process through to hold them publicly accountable for their actions.

I should add that I am immensely proud of my appointment at the Sports and Culture Attaché for the Central African Republic. Sport is incredibly important in Africa and is fast becoming a universal language, a form of social diplomacy and a leveller between people from vastly different and

unequal social backgrounds around the world. My diplomatic role in the Central African Republic allows me to give something meaningful back to sports supporters in one of the poorest parts of the world. There is no reason why a role of this kind should be treated any differently to an appointment as a military or a trade Attaché, which everyone recognises as attracting diplomatic immunity.”