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FC Porto case deferred

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The UEFA Appeals Body met today to hear the appeal filed by FC Porto against the decision taken by the UEFA Control & Disciplinary Body on Wednesday 4 June, in which the Portuguese club was not admitted to the UEFA Champions League 2008/09. The Appeals Body decided, in the light of new evidence submitted in relation to domestic Portuguese appeals procedures, to refer the matter back to the Control & Disciplinary Body for reassessment.

Having listened to representatives of FC Porto, the Portuguese F.A., Benfica SL and Vitoria SC, as well as UEFA, the Appeals Body decided to annul the challenged decision.

The UEFA Control & Disciplinary Body will meet next week to take a decision on admission of FC Porto to the UEFA Champions League season 2008/09. The date of the meeting will be communicated in due course.