

PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES



On either side of H.E. Judge Keba Mbaye, Executive President of the CAS and President Samaranch are, on the left, Mr. Marc Hodler, IOC member in Switzerland, and on the right, Mr. Gilbert Schwaar, CAS Secretary General.

THE BIRTH OF THE CAS

The idea of an institution for the settlement of conflicts arising out of the practice or development of sport was one of the projects of President Samaranch since his election. This idea took shape in 1983 at the 86th Session in New Delhi. The IOC decided to create a Court of Arbitration for Sport. On the 17th December last, the President, accompanied by H.E. Judge Keba Mbaye, Executive President of the CAS, Mr. Gilbert Schwaar, Secretary General, Mr. Marc Hodler and Mr. François Carrard, arbitrators and members of the CAS, and Mr. Raymond Gafner, member of the IOC in Switzerland, officially inaugurated this new court.

H.E. Judge Keba Mbaye, Member of the IOC in Senegal, Chairman of the Legal Commission of the IOC, judge at the International Court of Justice in the Hague, nominated for four years by H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch to the position of Executive President of this body, made the following statement: *"It will have, as far as sport is concerned, exactly the same powers as any other international court of arbitration. Recourse to its jurisdiction will be optional, but once a case has been placed before it, its judgement will be binding."* Its mission is to resolve all sports disputes, settlement of which is not provided for by the "Olympic

Charter". The IOC will bear the operating costs of the CAS, which will have its headquarters in Lausanne. Sitings may, however, be held in any other part of the world.