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Decision in the hearing in the breach of Code of Conduct by the Chile Coach Cristobal Rodriguez in the match Chile v United States 14 March 2010

In the first half of the game, Cristobal Rodriguez was loudly yelling disapproving comments directed towards the umpire for her decisions. The Technical Officer on duty spoke with the Chile Team Manager Elizabeth Muencke on three occasions. On the third occasion, Rodriguez was given a yellow card 5 minute suspension on the bench with no verbal communication to the team. Rodriguez complied and once the 5 minutes was completed, he made no further comments to the umpire.

Cristobal Rodriguez along with Chile assistant coach Andres Fuenzalida attended the hearing to discuss the behavior. Rodriguez admitted that he made comments to the umpire for her decision. He stated he felt the umpire was inconsistent with her calls. He stated that the team manager spoke to him and he was aware that he received a yellow card by the Technical Officer on duty. He stated that he sat on the bench for the suspension time and made no comments for this time period.

In review of the code of conduct, Rodriguez stated he had signed the Code of Conduct form. The Code of Conduct Level 1 was reviewed specifically the Level 1 behavior penalty:

- Disputing/protesting, reacting in a provocative or disapproving manner in an inappropriate way toward any decision made by an umpire or official.

Rodriguez apologized for his communication to the umpire. Additionally, he stated this was his first international tournament and he was very intense in relation to the outcome of the game.

The decision is to not penalize Rodriguez with a game suspension based on his behavior with the yellow card, his behavior after the card, his behavior in the meeting and his inexperience as a coach at the international level. He is aware that any further protesting, disputing or disapproving reactions focused at an umpire for decisions will lead to a suspension.

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