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## **BERTRAND TRAORÉ JOINS OLYMPIQUE LYONNAIS**

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Olympique Lyonnais is pleased to announce that Burkina Faso international striker Bertrand Traoré has been transferred to the club from Chelsea for €10 million plus an earn-out of 15% of the gain on any future transfer.

Many European clubs had expressed interest in acquiring Bertrand, who has signed a five-year contract with Olympique Lyonnais, i.e. until 30 June 2022.

A member of the winning U17 Africa Cup of Nations team in January 2011, Bertrand became an "International A" a few months later at the age of 17.

He joined Chelsea in October 2013 and was then on loan to Vitesse Arnhem, where he scored 20 goals in 51 matches at the age of 18.

After a season back at Chelsea, where he scored two goals in 10 Premier League appearances and two in the Champions League, Bertrand was lent to Ajax where he had a very successful season. He was a key element on the team, which finished second in the Dutch Eredivisie and played in the Europa League final.

Bertrand Traoré and Fernando Marçal, the first two players transferred to OL since the start of the summer transfer window, confirm OL's ambition to renew the team's roster and rebuild a high-quality team to play in the top spots in the coming 2017/18 season.

Florian Maurice said, *"I first saw Bertrand Traoré during the U17 World Cup in 2009 and have known him well ever since. I have followed his progress at Vitesse, Chelsea and at Ajax last year. He is a striker with the qualities a modern player needs. He combines speed and technical ability and can cover a lot of territory. So he can play on the wing as well as in the middle. We are very pleased he has come to Lyon."*

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