



FIDE ETHICS COMMISSION

The Ethics Commission (hereafter called the ETH), sitting in the following composition -

Chairman: Mr Francois Strydom
Members: Mr Willy Iclicki
Mr Ion Serban Dobronauteanu
Mr Rajesh Hari Joshi

during the meetings held in Abu Dhabi on 3rd - 5th of September 2015, made the following -

RULING

Case n. 4/2015: "Complaint against the Bulgarian Chess Federation for alleged deprivation of individual's rights"

1. The ETH **notes** the absence of its member Mr Pedro Dominguez due to his unavailability for the meetings in Abu Dhabi.
2. The ETH **notes** that despite the above, the four members present constitute a quorum for a valid ruling.

3. The ETH **notes** the complaint of GM Kiril Georgiev, as represented by his attorney Mr Vladimir Vassilev, of a possible violation by the Bulgarian Chess Federation of par. 2.2.2 and/or 2.2.11 of the FIDE Code of Ethics in that it allegedly failed to comply with fundamental principles of law in the prosecution of disciplinary proceedings instituted against GM Georgiev.
4. The ETH **notes** the written submissions received from the Bulgarian Chess Federation, as represented by its attorney Ms Daniela Macheva, regarding the admissibility of GM Georgiev's complaint in front of the ETH;
5. The ETH further **notes** the complaints of Mr Simeon Stoichkov and Mr Metodi Stoynev subsequently received relating to similar disciplinary action taken against them on the same occasion referred to in 3 above, as well as a request for the ETH to investigate further alleged suspicious behaviour on the part of the Bulgarian Chess Federation.
6. Upon due consideration, the ETH **rules** that:
 - 6.1 the complaints of Mr Simeon Stoichkov and Mr Metodi Stoynev relating to disciplinary action taken against them by the Bulgarian Chess Federation are **joined** in the proceedings between Mr Georgiev and the Bulgarian Chess Federation;
 - 6.2 the complaints of Mr Georgiev, Mr Stoichkov and Mr Stoynev relating to disciplinary action taken against them are provisionally

held to be **admissible** (without prejudice to the ETH's final decision on the admissibility to be made together with its decision on the merits of the matter) in regard to a possible violation by the BCF of par. 2.2.2 and/or 2.2.11 of the FIDE Code of Ethics;

- 6.3 the further complaints of Mr Stoichkov and Mr Stoynev relating to alleged suspicious behaviour on the part of the Bulgarian Chess Federation are provisionally held to be **not admissible** due to a lack of specificity in the grounds of complaint and the absence of *prima facie* evidence of any violation of the FIDE Code of Ethics;
- 6.4 the proceedings before the ETH will proceed with a consideration of the merits of the complaints referred to in 6.2 above.

7. The ETH **requests** the FIDE Secretariat to communicate without delay this decision to the Bulgarian Chess Federation as well as Messrs Georgiev, Stoichkov and Stoynev and further to publish this decision (without the reasons) on the FIDE website in the near future.

DATED ON THIS THE 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015.



CHAIRMAN

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