

**78th FIDE Congress
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Executive Board Minutes

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Nigel Freeman (BER)
Zurab Azmaiparashvili (GEO)
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Khalifa Mohammed Al Hitmi (QAT)
Andrei Selivanov (RUS)
William Kelleher (USA)
Geoffrey Borg (MLT)
Israel Gelfer (ISR)
Boris Kutin (SLO)
Jorge Vega (CRC)
Sheikh Sultan Bin Khalifa Al-Nehyan (UAE)

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Welcome

Mr. Ali Nihat Yazici welcomed the members and friends of chess to Turkey on behalf of the Turkish Chess Federation. He said this is an important event for Turkish chess along with the World Youth Championship. He is pleased to organize his first FIDE Congress in Antalya. It is important for chess development and progress. The Federation is happy to see chess on this level. Chess as a sport, has a lot of exclusivity as we have no violence, there is fair play and no doping. It makes chess players different from other athletes in the world. So we can be the number one sport in popularity and we are targeting this. One day he hopes chess will become number one by number of players. He thanked the FIDE management for accepting the proposal for the organization of this event. Support of the Turkish Government is very important. He outlined the additional programme for attendees, including a presentation of the new technologies available on the internet, cocktail party and gala dinner.

0.1. Obituaries.

The Executive Board noted the passing during the preceding year of friends of FIDE, among whom were remembered:

Eleazar Pereiro Duran IA (ESP)

Sandor Szerenyi (HUN) – Honorary Member of FIDE

Alexander Roshal (RUS) – Chairman of FIDE CHIPS Committee

GM Maxim Sorokin (RUS)

GM David Bronstein (BLR-RUS)

Marton Krajscovits (HUN) – FIDE and ECU Delegate of Hungarian Chess Federation

IA Mario Serracino-Inglott (MLT)

John Powell (JAM) – former President of the Jamaica Chess Federation

IM Sergey Nikolaev (RUS)

IA Jean-Christophe Basaille (FRA)

1. Report of the President.

President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov delivered his annual report.

He started by thanking President of the Turkish Chess Federation Mr. Ali Nihat Yazici, Governor of the Antalya Province Menderes Turel, Municipalities of Antalya and Kemer and the management and staff of the Limra Hotel for their warm hospitality and wonderful organization of the activities of the FIDE Executive Board.

He stated that the period which he wanted to describe in his report covers the time since the Turin Congress. The most remarkable event is the unification of the chess world which took place last October in Elista. Everyone knows that the road to this was very long and complicated. The match itself was a serious test both for the sportsmen and for FIDE. The course of the match drew huge interest from mass media. Chess was present on the front pages of many key publications. It is understandable that the surge of such interest in the middle of the match was due to 'toiletgate', but it actually created additional interest for chess. The President said that from his personal experience, he knows how difficult it was for the officials and organizers to take decisions but all problems were solved. We had to invent original ways out of the situation. After being split for 13 years, following the exit of the 13th World Champion from FIDE, there is now one unified Champion, without any reference to any versions, organizations etc. We are confidentially looking into the future, we have plenty of very important plans and we will be working all together to carry them

out. As you may recall, the IOC's criticism, when Samaranch was President, was that we were not united. Now we are unified and have a good Champion.

He reminded the Board that in Turin he had made a promise to make personal and more frequent visits to National federations and tournaments. He reported that he had visited Armenia, Lebanon, Jordan, Vietnam, Germany, Qatar, Czech Republic, Spain, France, Moldova, Latvia, Serbia, Singapore, UAE, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Netherlands, USA, Estonia, several visits to China, Ukraine, Switzerland, India and many Russian regions since Turin. Each of these trips was aimed at attending a chess event or tournament, getting acquainted with the chess development in the area, with problems and needs of respective Federations and lobbying chess interests when meeting heads of states and governments, business representatives and potential sponsors. Unfortunately, due to some important reasons he had to cancel his trips to Azerbaijan, Mexico and Algeria.

Also, in February he had participated as a speaker at the 8th Congress of Russia's chess players. In April in Beijing he led the FIDE delegation at the annual Congresses of ARISF and GAISF within the SportAccord meeting. During the Elista Candidates' matches he met the President of the Iranian Chess Federation Maddahi, Chairman of the Mexico World Championship Organising Committee, J. Saggiante and President of the Khanty Mansiysk Chess Federation V. Filipenko. During this period a Grandmaster school was opened in Elista, and in Ekaterinburg he participated in the ceremony of the foundation of the Urals Chess Academy.

He had also promised that his activities will become more transparent and open. During this period he believes that everyone has received a lot of proof of this. Information and photo reports of all his trips in his capacity as FIDE President were regularly published on the FIDE website. Despite a very busy schedule, he tries to be informed on a daily basis of current situations and reply to the incoming questions. He also takes decisions as he receives hundreds of letters and questions from the players and Federations. So this connection is bilateral.

On the 1st February a FIDE delegation met with the IOC President, Dr. Jacque Rogge. Although there was a corresponding press-release on this issue, he would like to stress once again that everyone should more actively cooperate with their National Olympic Committees, personally with the IOC members, mass media and our colleagues from other international federations. He once again realized that this is the correct procedure during the SportAccord 2007 in Beijing. The meetings he had there made him certain that our work has perspective and it is necessary for FIDE to be present in Lausanne and participate in the future meetings of SportAccord.

In this respect he tasked Deputy President Makropoulos to plan for the active presence of FIDE in the next SportAccord which will take place in Athens next June. He informed the meeting that the Secretariat had prepared and sent the response to the questionnaire from the IOC. It was a sign that criticisms were heard there and there have been some steps towards meeting our requests. It is our task to try to use the situation for our benefit in order to promote our interests, primary to lobby for the inclusion of chess into the Olympic programme. We have dealt with the criticism which was expressed by the IOC under the leadership of J-A. Samaranch that FIDE has no united Champion. Now we have one Champion we should work more actively so that chess will be in the Olympic programme.

Chess is not yet an Olympic discipline, but nevertheless, it is officially recognized as a sport in 95 countries, and in 89 countries chess federations are members of NOCs, associated members in 8 countries and in 4 countries their applications are in the process of being considered. We know the Olympic programme includes some sports which are disseminated in far fewer countries. We can take as an example, curling, which is not even known to all. Two weeks ago when he made a speech

at the session of the International Mind Games, he asked why curling is recognized and is part of Winter Olympics under the slogan – Curling is chess on ice. We have the right to ask that if chess on ice is in the Olympic programme, why is the original game of chess not there. We should consider making an appeal to the Lausanne Court of Arbitration in respect of our application for being in the Olympic programme. It is a move, to attract the attention of mass media and the chess public and I task the Secretariat to examine the possibility of filing an appeal with CAS. Legally the case might not have a possibility for a positive outcome, but it will highlight chess in the press. We can create favourable public attitude towards our Federation and chess.

In 2006, chess players became sportsmen of the year in Suriname and Faroe Islands, took 2nd place in Turkey and GM V. Kramnik received an official award in a great sporting country – Russia. He was sure that for 2007 V. Anand will also be the Sportsman of the year in India. He would like to use this opportunity to again congratulate Mr. Anand with his victory. Also, note that V. Anand, as reigning World Champion, is a member of the FIDE Presidential Board. He had spoken to Mr. Anand last week and he was sorry he could not attend the Congress, but he would try to come to the Presidential Board meeting in Singapore.

On the 31st July we opened the FIDE office in Lausanne in the International House of Sports, where all departments of the IOC are situated alongside 20 international sports federations. He had provided from his personal funds more than 100 000 SFr for the renovation, furniture and equipment. The employee is Mrs. Stephanie Baillargues, who had been previously employed in our FIDE Secretariat. The FIDE delegation met with the marketing and TV department of the IOC, and representatives of other Federations. The first question from the IOC was whether we will sue them in court. It is good that they remember who we are now.

He would like to specifically refer to his visit to Doha in December 2006 for the opening ceremony of the 15th Asian Games, where chess was featuring for the first time. This success is due to the systematic and deep work of our Vice President Khalifa Al Hitmi. He would also like to express his deep gratitude to him on behalf of all of us as well as to the Continental President Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifa al-Nehayan. The chess tournament at the Asian Games was attended by the Olympic Games Executive Director Gilbert Felli and the Chairman of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games Coordination Committee Hein Verbruggen. Sheikh Sultan and the FIDE President had a 2 hour discussion with them and showed the tournament to the IOC representatives and even played chess with them. In July, chess was featured for the second time in the programme of the All Africa Games in Algeria.

In order to finish the Olympic topic he would like to mention how important it is to submit necessary documents to the IOC as a response to the questionnaire. He was surprised that not all Federations treated this with full responsibility. We need this for our own benefit. The federations who did not provide their reply should be chased by the FIDE Secretariat to send these replies.

He wanted to mention of the new FIDE office in Singapore, which with the assistance of local sports' authorities and the Government of Singapore, will host the next Presidential Board meeting and a large seminar of trainers and coaches, organized by the General Secretary Ignatius Leong. Last year at the Presidential Board meeting in Elista he had announced that he was willing to provide means for creating a commercial structure which would deal professionally with the promotion of chess.

He wants to inform everyone that according to the promises given in Turin to attract all interested parties to act in cooperation, he had invited Mr. Bessel Kok to participate in the creation of Global Chess, a company registered in Amsterdam. After the meeting in Antalya in January the two parties

have determined working groups to discuss and prepare a contract between FIDE and Global Chess. The contract was signed and you have to ratify it here. He had transferred the first tranche of 2.5 mln euro to the company. On the 17th August the company opened its offices in Amsterdam in the Max Euwe center. As FIDE President, he would like to thank Messrs. Makropoulos, Freeman, Elhaj, Rajscanyi, Vega and Borg for their substantial and detailed work.

In his trips and meetings with heads of various countries he had realized that there is a necessity to have chess centres and museums in all the capitals of FIDE member countries. So he proposes to introduce the project of construction of chess centres. This is a programme of creation of a global network of chess centres, to be achieved together with an international development company, Chess Lane. The centres will be built as multi-profile buildings including chess museums, hotel, office and commercial facilities, exhibition halls and conference halls for organization of international chess tournaments and other events. They will give more jobs to our international masters and international arbiters.

It is planned that the centres will be in the shape of a tower, similar to chess pieces, with separate entrances for differing functional sectors. Leading international architects, who were selected through a tender, participated in the creation of the chess centres concept. Soon the first variants of the concept are going to be finalized and presented for discussion. The construction of such chess centres will create new possibilities for national federation activities, and eventually will provide an added impetus for popularization and development of chess in the world.

Therefore he proposes to introduce a position of FIDE Development Director, which will not be financed from the FIDE budget. A major businessman, David Kaplan, is ready to invest his own money, provide his offices in London and help with the expansion of the FIDE office in Lausanne. Mr Kaplan will prepare a report for the Singapore Presidential Board meeting. He will analyse the situation and compare FIDE against successful sports Federations who have managed to reach multimillion and even billions of USD budgets.

Another important task is the popularization of chess among the younger generation, particularly in schools. He praised the initiative of the Baltic Zone President, A. Ozolins. Each child in the first class of Riga elementary schools receives a chess manual at the beginning of the school year.

He drew the attention of everyone to the fact that many of his trips are related to youth tournaments. In particular he thanked the Continental President for Asia, Sheikh Sultan, for the wonderful organization and excellent conditions for the participants of the Asian Youth Championships in Al Ain this year. In his opinion, never before have the winners of the youth tournaments been awarded with actual gold medals. This is a good example to follow.

He had visited a very interesting youth tournament in Almaty. During his meeting with the mayor of Almaty, it was agreed that each school in the city should receive several chess sets and start the gradual introduction of chess into the school curriculum. Also the Mayor expressed the wish to organize top FIDE events in his city.

In Singapore, the President attended the closing of the World Youth U-16 Olympiad and also visited the FIDE office and new premises of the Chess Academy, with its 30 highly qualified experts. He witnessed the huge progress that has been made. Chess is extremely popular among young players and their parents, thanks to our General Secretary.

In many districts of Russia the authorities have included chess into school programmes. In the region of Tomsk all children in the second forms will start learning chess.

He underlined the authorization of the President of Azerbaijan, I. Aliev, to the Ministry of Sport and Youth to prepare a state programme for chess development in the country for 2008-2014.

In respect of the topic of youth chess, he touched upon the issue of bids for the right to organize the 2009 World Youth Championship. These Youth championships have turned into one of the most important and prestigious FIDE tournaments, with the participation of approximately 2000 players, coaches and accompanying persons. The level of competition is very high. For the first time we have seven bids and it is very difficult to determine who should get the event.

Last week he received a letter from Estonia with their proposal to organize the World Cup 2011 and Chess Olympiad 2016! There is a clear tendency of growing interest in the organization of our tournaments. We are endeavouring to increase the level of their organization and to avoid any past mistakes. We should continue along the lines of better preparation. He had quite a few questions to the organizers of the next Olympiad in relation to various aspects of the preparation. He had sent a letter to the mayor of Dresden in order to clarify the situation in respect of the preparation for this event.

As you all know, in 10 days we are opening the World Cup in Khanty-Mansiysk. He noted that the prize fund had been increased by 20% and will be 1.92 mln USD. It is already transferred to the FIDE account. In respect of the Olympiad 2010, the organisers' expenses will be from 12 to 14 mln USD. In 2010 FIDE will receive 900,000 USD (for example, Turin paid around 100, 000 USD and Calvia Organisers – even less, around 50,000). The most important thing is that there is a considerable improvement of the conditions for CACDEC countries and for arbiters. For the first time there is a prize fund of 250,000 euro plus charter flights. There is a clear increase in the money received by FIDE from the organizers of Chess Olympiads.

Next point is the World Championship cycle. His conclusion is unambiguous, we should return to the traditional system of the matches for the World Championship title at the final stage. This system is more attractive for sponsors and it is clearer for them. The members of the Presidential Board and Mr. Borg have already prepared a clear idea of World Cup, Grand Prix and match. As you know, FIDE has signed the contract with the UEP company for the organization of the Anand-Kramnik match in Germany with a prize fund of 1.2 mln euro, and FIDE will receive 200,000 euro. Kramnik has already signed his contract. He requested Mr. Makropoulos to finalise negotiations with V. Anand and to send him a letter on the President's behalf so that in the next weeks the contract will be signed by Mr. Anand. This has to be over by the 1st December so that the players can start preparations. He had spoken to the World Champion on the phone, congratulated him on his victory and he had confirmed his wish to play the match. Mr Anand had several questions regarding the contract, which were not considered drastic.

In January at the Presidential Board meeting in Antalya, the President had given personal tasks to several Board members. For example General Secretary, I. Leong, was tasked to revise the work of the Committees and Commissions of FIDE. He thanked him and Mr. Mazouz for their work. Some of the Commissions will be merged, some of them can be abolished, and some can be renamed, e.g. CHIPS can become Committee on Chess Media. Also, he noted that with the appointment of Mr. Roberto Rivello as Chairman of Ethics Commission we finally have a real sport justice body with a transparent and clear way of working.

He thanked his colleagues on the Board and all Heads of Delegations as we move forward together with our new main goal for the next twelve years. He said that we have all changed in FIDE. In FIDE we have a good united team. Of course we go through contradictions and disputes, but we

have to work as one team. From the outside, we have changed the public opinion from negative to positive. Authority of FIDE among other international sports federations has increased. Nobody can say we have quarrels inside FIDE. Therefore we have to have firm tasks. First we have to enter the Olympic family or the Olympic family should join our chess family. There is a saying, that if you cannot win a movement, you should become its leader. He believes we can reach this goal, in the immediate future. It is not for our children and grandchildren, but for our team, the current Presidential Board. Therefore we should act firmly, legally correctly and clearly. Second, FIDE and its budget should reach the levels of the budgets of golf, tennis and curling federations. People say if you are so clever, why are you so poor. We are the most intelligent international sport's federation; there is no one more intelligent than chess players. Boxers say that they fight with their hands, but they think with their heads. Football players use their feet, but they use their heads to win. We should always ask ourselves, if we are the most intelligent sport, why are we not the richest one? This task is for the next 12 year cycle. We should reach this goal together and we will witness this.

Mr. Makropoulos asked if there are any comments regarding the creation of CEO Development and nomination of Mr. David Kaplan.

Executive Board approved the creation of the Development Department and appointment of Mr. David Kaplan as CEO of the Development Department.

2. Financial Report

2.1. Report of the Auditors.

Annex 1 is the Report of the FIDE External Auditors, Messrs Ernst & Young on the financial statement of FIDE for the period 1st January to 31st December 2006.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Nigel Freeman presented his report (**Annex 2**). Comments are in his report – **Annex 2.1. and 2.2. Annex 2A** is Income and Expenditure up to 30 September 2007.

Annex 3 is the proposal to amend tournament registration fees and to increase the ceiling of the maximum amount payable by Federations. **Annex 3A** is the new proposal in order to update our regulations in regard to fees. We have changed the maximum annual tournament registration fees. In the past some large Federations were subsidized by smaller Federations. The Treasurer is looking to remove the limit completely, in two stages. The first stage will be from next January by increasing the ceiling to 15,000 euros. This will affect a small number of Federations.

Mr. Metzger asked whether it is right that the Executive Board can decide on financial regulations and that they should come into force from 1st January. He said everything should come into effect from 1 July next year

Mr. Jarrett said that Mr. Metzger was wrong. Financial regulations are the exception and come into force at the start of the financial year which is January 1st. On the other point, all proposals in the Executive Board can be reviewed at the next Congress.

Mr. Sand said that in the Bled Congress, it was agreed that the Executive Board could not decide on elections and change of Statutes only.

It his first report as Treasurer, Mr Freeman said that the financial position is much stronger than

before and a lot of thanks should go to the previous Treasurer, Mr. Jarrett. Mr. Freeman also expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Jarrett who was the previous accountant in FIDE and proposed a vote of thanks.

Mr. Freeman said **Annex 2B** is an addendum. He said it is not an easy task to prepare a budget in FIDE, as there can be some last minute changes or previously unknown items, which have to be accommodated. However, he presented a balanced budget for 2008, which confirms that FIDE is in a healthy position. As this is an Olympiad year, we have extra budgeted income for entry fees and the successful bidder fee. Some of this income is in USD and we can only estimate the amount we will receive in euros. The rate of exchange is unpredictable.

On the expenditure side, we now pay half of the salary of Mrs. Baillargues plus utilities in the Lausanne office. The Global Chess interface team consists of Mr. Makropoulos and himself and it is agreed to have 4 meetings a year with Messrs. Kok and Borg. When it was agreed that the Continents should have their own budgets, it was decided that the Continental Presidents should no longer be paid for their travel expenses in respect of FIDE meetings. It has proved very onerous for Africa and Americas. So these Presidents will now have a budget for travelling. For the first time money will be budgeted to the Titles and Ratings, Arbiters' and Qualification Commission, also to enable them to travel and help with their expenses. We are trying to have a situation where people should not pay from their pocket when they attend FIDE events. The major increase is 45,000 euro in the CACDEC budget, which together with the Development Commission budget, is 20% of all expenditure.

Mr. Kutin said as there was no budget regarding the European summit meeting in Slovenia, so he believes there is no interest.

Mr. Makropoulos said that from the Board there is a very positive reaction, as this is the first meeting of its kind. He asked whether Mr. Kutin expected any reaction from the Treasurer. He also praised the activities of Mr. Kutin, as thanks to his efforts chess was affiliated to the National Olympic Committees in several European countries.

Mr. Kutin said that such a project deserves some budget, in order to make a presentation during this special meeting.

Mr. Makropoulos requested Mr. Kutin to present a proposal regarding the budget items necessary in respect of this meeting. He said that there should also be promotional material prepared for the SportAccord meeting in Athens. This had been discussed with Geoffrey Borg of Global Chess.

Mr. Kutin said that if such material would be ready for February that is enough.

Mr. Borg said this will be the same material for both events. A video is ready, and there will be a booklet as well.

It was agreed that the Global Chess will prepare all this material and it can also be used at the meeting in Slovenia.

Mr. Selivanov said that all Commissions should have budgets and then we can ask them to account for their work. This was stated by the President. He drew to everyone's attention that the PCCC was not found in the list for the budget. For many years this Commission had not received any funds from FIDE, despite the fact that it is one of the most active Commissions of FIDE. This year, in the Congress in Rhodes, there were more than two hundred participants from thirty countries. He said

that the Chairman of the Commission Mr. Abner sent a letter with a budget request and asked Mr. Gelfer to confirm. Mr. Selivanov requested a budget of 5, 000 euro per annum.

Mr. Makropoulos confirmed that the Permanent Commission for Chess Composition is an active body as the Greek Chess Federation had twice organised their Congresses in Greece.

Mr. Gelfer said that this Commission is very active, but they were always very independent. As for their budget, he said Mr. Abner sent a letter to FIDE, but the budget was not requested. He would request a budget from Mr Abner.

In this connection, Mr. Selivanov requested the conditional approval of the requested budget on condition that in the meeting in Singapore, the Commission will present to the Treasurer a detailed explanation regarding the expenses.

Mr. Makropoulos once again repeated that the Treasurer did not reject this. The budget has to be sent and the Presidential Board will consider the figure for the budget.

The Executive Board approved.

Mr. Azmaiparashvili said that the travel expenses of the Presidential Board members should also be included into the budget. Although FIDE asks Organisers to cover these expenses, there should be a provision in the budget.

Mr. Freeman said it is impossible to quantify the figure. Sometimes Organisers pay the travel expenses. He gave an example of the Mexico Organisers who could not organise the Presidential Board meeting and FIDE had to pay the expenses. He said that in respect of the 2nd and 3rd quarter Presidential Board meetings, Messrs. Makropoulos and Yazici came to an agreement, as for the Dresden meeting, it is not sure.

Mr. Leong said that it is always prudent to budget for the expenditure, and if we find Organisers who cover the expenses, then it will go to the surplus in the budget.

Mr. Jarrett said the regulations are clear, the Organisers should cover such expenses. If there is a separate agreement, outside of the regulations, that is not for the budget, it is for the Presidential Board to make a decision and then to amend the budget, but the budget is prepared on the basis of the regulations.

Mr. Leong asked if we do not find organisers, are we saying we will not have Presidential Board meetings? He said if something is to be done, it should be in the budget, and then if we receive something, from the Organisers, it should be a surplus.

Mr. Mazouz said that regarding the items for travel, the Presidential Board is entitled to take a decision.

Mr. Makropoulos said then we will go out of the budget. He said we make agreements in respect of the Board meetings. We cannot know full costs, for example Turkey is not going to cover the full costs in respect of the travel. So it is obvious we need more money for next year's travel.

Mr. Mazouz said the amount in the budget is 60,000 but Mr. Makropoulos proposed to add 40,000 for travel of the Board members.

The Executive Board approved.

Mr. Freeman said that it was agreed in the Mexico Presidential Board that that if the Presidential Board members have a flight which is longer than 4 hours they can travel in business class. The rationale was that people attend the meetings after long flights, and after a couple of days go back again.

Executive Board approved the decision of the Presidential Board.

Executive Board approved the budget and noted that some changes should be presented at the Presidential Board meeting in Singapore.

2.2. Permanent Fund Report.

Annex 4 is the Report on the FIDE Permanent Fund, by Permanent Fund's Administrator Lucas Brunner.

Report was accepted.

2.3 Report of Verification Commission.

Mr. Mazouz said that all the points in **Annex 33** had been discussed with the Executive Director and Treasurer. The PR and Marketing Director issues were also discussed with Mr. Rajscanyi.

The Executive Board approved the report of the Verification Commission.

2.4. Discharge of the Treasurer.

Executive Board approved Treasurer's report and discharged the Treasurer from his obligations in respect of 2006.

2.5. Appointment of External Auditor.

The reappointment of Messrs. Ernst and Young, Greece was confirmed by the Executive Board.

Mr. Jarrett said that this is the last time that they will audit the accounts for FIDE. They have assessed their workload and decided that we are not one of the tasks for them. We shall have to look for new auditors.

Section A: Administrative Matters.

3. Affiliations and Exclusions.

3.1. Affiliations.

Annex 5 is the application of the Chess Federation of Maldives.

The Executive Board approved the decision of the Presidential Board in Antalya and confirmed membership of the Maldives.

Annex 5a is an application of Gabon. This was made possible by the visit of Mr. Ncube. This was referred to the next meeting of the Presidential Board as due notice had not been given.

Annex 5b is application of Sao Tome and Principe. Mr Jarrett said this application should be accepted as it was not included in the agenda due to an administrative oversight.

The Executive Board approved membership for Sao Tome and Principe.

Annex 5c relates to Northern Ireland. Mr. Jarrett proposed to refer it back to the Presidential Board. The statutes are under review and this matter can be part of the review.

The Executive Board approved.

3.2. Exclusions.

FIDE Treasurer informed the members of the Executive Board that Ghana, Chile and Ivory Coast should be temporarily excluded. Following discussions with Mr. Ncube, he was recommending that Ghana and Ivory Coast should not be excluded, as should occur after one year of temporary exclusion. Chile should be temporarily excluded. There are two national federations and the National Olympic Committee refuses to recognize either of them. A large number of players are involved but the action is necessary.

Mr. Makropoulos asked about the players.

He was told they can play but their ratings are not seen and the temporarily exclusion also means double entry fees, although this has never been used. Team entries are not accepted. The Ministry of Sport authorizes multiple federations and this causes the problem.

Mr. Makropoulos said that we should announce this decision.

The Executive Board approved.

4. FIDE Contract with GlobalChess.

Annex 6 is contract between Global Chess and FIDE to be approved by Executive Board.

Annex 6a is contract on website.

Mr. Makropoulos said that we have succeeded in reaching an agreement that helps Global Chess to start marketing and try to get sponsorship for our FIDE events by working on the plans which the President introduced to FIDE several months ago. We are not going to have big money in the first years, but Global Chess need our help to set up the right mechanism in order to get sponsors for FIDE. After the first 5 years we would expect that if they succeed, then FIDE will start having very important income.

Our cooperation has resulted in a new system for the WCC cycle. This system can be better for the sponsors, who would like to promote themselves through chess. Global chess is working in this direction and we are on the right track, but if Global Chess has no final approval from the Executive Board, they cannot start serious work.

It is proposed to approve this contract. Then we can open the bidding procedure for Grand Prix and

Global Chess will start working on the contracts for FIDE event.

Regarding the paragraph on taxes in Holland, we were supposed to get advice from the External Auditors. We have agreed that if we find there is a problem with tax in Holland, then there will be a proposal to make a change in this Agreement. Mr Kok and Mr.Borg have agreed to this.

Mr. Kelleher drew attention to a couple of clauses regarding Global Chess management of our website. He was not clear regarding point 4.1 and 5.1. In 4.1 it says that FIDE will be invoiced up to 100,000 euros and will bear the costs of having Global Chess upgrade our website. In 5.1. it states that Global Chess does not make any guarantees that this upgrade will increase the number of hits on our website. If our website is to be enhanced, why does Global Chess not want to make even a modest guarantee regarding the increase to the number of hits. In his opinion, the number of hits is the only objective measure whether or not the website has been enhanced. If we enhance, then we try to increase its popularity with the public.

Mr. Borg said that in actual fact FIDE is not paying anything. The whole assumption of the Internet services agreement is that Global Chess will find 200,000 euros (100,000 per annum). If after 2 years there is any revenue stream, Global Chess expect the investment to be paid back. If there is no income, then the risk is taken completely by Global Chess. The image of the website has to be enhanced. Now the FIDE website is in a very poor state. It is not commensurate to where we want it to be in the future. Hits are fictitious, as they can be increased easily. Content is important, which should be up to date with many additional services. It is not relevant if we count hits, whether there is a guarantee or not. FIDE does not pay a penny for it. If FIDE wants a guarantee, Global Chess has no problem, if you wish to invest directly as FIDE, but of course then you have to do the job. Whatever Global Chess will do, we will guarantee, because we want to improve the image of FIDE. Global chess will not be even mentioned on the website. The whole objective is to brand FIDE.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the reality is not that FIDE is not paying. FIDE will pay if there is income for the website and Global Chess will get back the investment. The cost will be about 100,000 euros for every year, but it is supposed that this will be covered from the money of the sponsors that they will find. He understands that they cannot find sponsorship if they do not improve the website. If they want to find 200,000 euros for the enhancing of the website, it means that they really have to improve it. Nobody will pay the money for the website we have today. If they find money, it means we have a much better website. He can understand they cannot guarantee the exact number of hits, but if they do not enhance the website, for us it will mean that in the next couple of years we need to find another partner, at least concerning Internet. The contract allows us to do this, if Global Chess does nothing. Mr. Makropoulos said that it would be better if they give us some estimation of the number of hits per annum, but it is very difficult. Now they cannot make such estimations, but in the next 6 months they will start working and then they may see problems which they might not even have imagined. Next year they can make estimations, even for the hits. Bill Kelleher made a lot of proposals in respect of this contract, but I did not insist as it was clear that they cannot do this. If they do not want to lose money, they have to create the website which will help them to bring income.

Mr. Abundo said that it makes a good business for FIDE to put this project for tender. FIDE has its system of bidding procedure and has a background in doing this. He suggested it can be decided in Singapore. We have one month to do this.

Mr. Makropoulos said you are asking to put in the tender whether Global Chess or somebody else will be a commercial partner of FIDE. We cannot do this. This is the proposal of the President who is ready to invest into a commercial enterprise. We need to improve. Mr. Abundo was for many

years in charge of our website and did not bring any proposal to attract money. Today we have a serious proposal.

Mr. Yazici said the Turkish Chess Federation site is one of the best and active websites. He said it is impossible to get a tender for website services. People must know what chess is. As for hits, for our sponsors we make a live broadcast and we have millions of hits but this does not mean anything, there are a lot of indications of the success of the website. Here the President of FIDE is investing his money into a commercial branch and he takes a risk that maybe the money will be reimbursed if sponsorship is found or the money will be lost. And we have to respect this risk. He seconded the proposal for creating Global Chess.

Mr. Kelleher said he is in favour of signing the contract. He said the delegates should be informed regarding some aspects of the contract so they are not surprised in the future if things do not go well.

Mr. Herbert said Global Chess is a small enterprise and the website is not one of their competences. It is expected that they should go for a technology partner. He supported Mr. Abundo that some procedure should be done in order to ensure Global Chess uses a bidding process to allow a wide number of candidates to provide the services.

Mr. Makropoulos said the agreement specifies that the best programs should be sought by Global Chess. FIDE is involved in the contract. In the beginning, the proposal of Global Chess was completely different. They were investing the money themselves. FIDE wanted the best programs found, and this contract makes this possible. Whatever contracts are signed, they will be ours. Even if we terminate the contract with Global Chess, the website will be ours, nothing will change.

Mr. Abundo said he was not sure if this was part of the President's plan, but he agrees with the proposal.

D.V. Sundar said that in point 2.4 the last sentence is not so simple regarding grant of rights to Global Chess. 15 days is not a long period. He proposed to delete this sentence.

Mr. Makropoulos said they had been through this point for hours. There is a problem here. When they approach the sponsor, they cannot wait until FIDE moves, maybe we can be very slow. Fifteen days is enough time for us to react. They cannot deal with a body which meets once a year. We accepted this period.

D. Sundar said if FIDE is not answering in 15 days, the proposal of GlobalChess should be declined.

Mr. Borg said there is a schedule and they will act according to this schedule. This is about the rights, to be discussed with the sponsors, and maybe sponsors will raise new points. If you do not answer, it is a wrong attitude. Communication is the essence of success. The whole interface must work very well, we have to improve on this. Otherwise people will tend to ignore what is happening.

Mr. Herbert said he had one concern regarding the indemnity (Section E). There was no protection for FIDE. It is customary for both parties to indemnify each other.

Mr. Borg agreed with this change.

E. van Dijk said chess has a great chance at present with Mr. Ilyumzhinov and Mr Kok working together. He asked the extent of the partnership. Can a large company come directly to FIDE?

Mr. Makropoulos said yes they can come directly to FIDE, but Global Chess will be brought to the discussion, as commercial partner of FIDE. They will have the professionals to deal with the promotion of sponsors, or production, they will have to satisfy the needs, but FIDE has the events. In our contract it is said that we can also find sponsors without Global Chess. However, Global Chess will be involved, but in this situation, the percentages are changed accordingly. Normally, the situation will be vice versa.

Mr. Gelfer said this is an answer for many other questions regarding our relationship. Global Chess is our commercial department.

Mr. Sand referred the body to paragraphs: 2.6, 2.7 and 2.8.

Mr. Makropoulos said it is not possible that one of the partners will be recipient and the other provider.

Mr. Vega wanted to know the difference between sponsor and organiser.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the organisers are the business of FIDE. Currently, Global Chess is also looking for the organisers but this is because of the good relations between us. All of us, including the President, try to do this. Organisers will come through the FIDE bidding procedure.

Mr. Borg said the Grand Prix proposals are for 6 cities and the contribution to Global Chess is zero. FIDE will receive close to 250,000 euros. Any money Global Chess receives will come from sponsorship. The President is investing and he does not expect to get his money back, but when we have a system in place and good image and communication, we will find sponsors.

Executive Board approved the contract with Global Chess.

The signing of the contract took place, On behalf of FIDE, Messrs Makropoulos and Freeman, on behalf of Global Chess, Mr. Borg.

Mr. Makropoulos thanked Mr. Ilyumzhinov who is investing his money into Global Chess. It is his baby and he does the best that he can do for this organisation.

Mr. Borg thanked all Board colleagues and delegates for the approval of the Global Chess contract. In line with the principle for him to exercise professionally and fully the activities and to ensure a clear transparent way of working, he was resigning from his position as FIDE Vice President.

The FIDE President thanked Vice President G. Borg for his active work during one year and a half years since the Turin elections where the delegates showed their wisdom by electing him to the position of Vice President. He said Mr. Borg had showed himself as a dynamic and active person who actively travelled, the same way he had travelled before the Turin Congress to promote his team against himself and Makropoulos. He wished him all the best. In Turin it was felt that we can use the experience of Geoffrey and he was elected as Vice President. He said that it was very wise for the Turin General Assembly delegates to give such a right to Mr. Borg. He also thanked the Executive Board delegates for supporting the Global Chess agreement. The signing of the contract is the continuation of the work after Turin, continuation of his programme as well as Mr. Kok's programme, and the wishes of many of those who love chess and are not indifferent to the future of

chess. Global Chess is not only his or Bessel's baby, it is our baby. Although he asked for a lot of money, 5 mln euro for his milk, it is an expensive child, but we do need this company for the development in FIDE. We have programmes with other companies, e.g. DGT.

We should analyse and study these proposals, and for this we are in need of a professional team and professional managers, lawyers, experts, programmers etc. FIDE has no budget for paying these professionals. Such professionals cost hundreds of thousands of euros and their programmes are worth millions of USD. After Turin we created such a team, but the budget of FIDE is only 1,5 mln USD, we do not have enough money to prepare documentation for such a programme. Therefore, we resolved to create a commercial company, which would hire professional managers, with good salaries and which would attract other large sponsors. The groups of Mr. Makropoulos and Mr. Borg have done a lot of work during the last year. The contract is very good and very objective and it will be instrumental for Global Chess to start fruitful work. The contract will help FIDE to free itself from some burden of work and concentrate on strategic tasks. As FIDE is a state, it should have legislative and executive bodies. And the fact that we attract such companies as Global Chess, is normal for any country. As President of Kalmykia, he has such experiences. Therefore FIDE should have an active position in respect of attracting large sponsorship and investment. This task is given to Global Chess together with the Development Department. He is confident that in six months we will witness real results of their work. In Singapore he will propose a preliminary concept of the development of the FIDE future. The world is changing and we should adjust ourselves to it. He thanked Mr. Borg again and proposed that Mr. Borg be appointed FIDE Commercial Director without salary. Mr. Borg is a member of our family. He continues his travel. We do not want him to leave us and go somewhere too far away. Mr. Borg accepted the proposal of the President..

Mr. Ilyumzhinov said that according to the procedure, the General Assembly in Dresden should elect a Vice President to fill the vacancy in the Presidential Board. He said that according to his opinion, there should be a quicker solution as we have a lot of work and we need people. And it is too long to wait for next year's General Assembly. He asked Legal Adviser M. Sand and Deputy President G. Makropoulos, to find a solution. He said that in the Turin elections, the next in line was Mr. Ali Nihat Yazici, President of the Turkish Chess Federation, who is our current host. He proposed to Messrs. Makropoulos and Sand to find a legal way for Mr. Yazici to become Vice President. He said that the first reason why this is a most suitable candidacy is that in Turin he was the next person after Mr. Borg in number of votes and also, in one year and half, the Turkish Chess Federation has made unbelievable progress. It is our second time in Antalya, we had a Presidential Board meeting in January. Last night he met with the Minister of Sports of Turkey, Governor of Antalya and Mayor, who joined Mr. Yazici in the plans for organisation of FIDE Tournaments, such as World Women's Championship 2010, World Chess Cup 2013, Grand Prix in April 2008 in Istanbul and bid for the Chess Olympiad 2012. This means a lot of investment and a lot of profit for everyone in FIDE.

Mr. Makropoulos said we cannot see a 100% legal procedure but we propose to find a solution, not because Ali is a friend of ours, but the truth is that if we can bring Ali to the Board, it will be good for FIDE. The proposal is that one of the 3 nominated Vice Presidents replaces Mr Borg and the President nominates Ali as a nominated Vice President. If two thirds of Executive Board accept this, then it is approved subject to confirmation at the General Assembly. He proposed that Mr. Al Hitmi becomes Vice President and Ali receives the position of nominated Vice President. Next year we ask the General Assembly for the final confirmation.

Executive Board unanimously approved.

Ali Yazici said this is very important for the Turkish Chess Federation. His responsibility to work more is bigger than before. He said he is most happy to become part of the Board. He thanked everybody for the trust.

5. FIDE Offices

Mr. Jarrett thanked all the staff in all three offices, Athens, Lausanne and Elista. It is not so easy to work in the FIDE Secretariats, it is a very demanding job, because of long hours and international nature of the work.

Lausanne: Stephanie Baillargues is back with us again and she is responsible for some Medical Commission work and also collaborating with Global Chess as well.

Elista: A review is necessary, we have more and more input to major events from Elista staff. We now have a very good working team for Ratings and Titles.

Athens we had an intensive year of work. He particularly mentioned the questionnaire from the IOC, which was time consuming and he thanked the Federations who had participated. However, those who did not reply must realise they have an obligation to support FIDE in such matters.

General Secretary Leong said that the decision to open the Singapore office was made in January. The office opened in May when the FIDE President visited the office. A special bank account had been opened for the Trainers and the office will have the task to invoice all the trainers who have been certified.

Mr. Leong was tasked to review the Commissions and Committees. The Singapore office was communicating with Chairmen. In discussions with Mr Mazouz, the proposals regarding the restructuring were finalised. Next month Singapore will host the Presidential Board meeting and organise the 1st Chess Administrators and Management seminar. All Federations should send their representatives to this seminar. This is a good and important seminar. Seminar details – **Annex 38**.

6. Handbook update

Executive Director David Jarrett said that the Handbook was up to date when Mr. Abundo was in the office. After that the updates stopped and now it is a huge task to incorporate all the changes in all these years. We are at the stage where the Statutes have been updated, but some amendments still need to be made, for example there is no provision for a quorum for the Executive Board meeting.

Mr. Jarrett said that all changes will be circulated to all Federations and Executive Board members, in order to have a two-way dialogue. Calvia showed that dealing with Statutes in General Assembly is a tricky business, therefore all proposals should be agreed in advance before Dresden. We expect people to respond before Dresden and not to bring proposals there. Then we can deal with any outstanding matters. We are also revising the layout of the Handbook. Continental events will disappear from the Handbook.

7. Restructuring of Committees and Commissions

General Secretary Ignatius Leong and Verification Commission Chairman Lakhdar Mazouz presented their report (**Annex 7**).

Mr. Jarrett said there is a proposal for a FIDE Seniors Committee and proposed to refer this to the Singapore Presidential Board.

The Executive Board approved.

Mr. Leong said regarding point 4.4, we will retain Chess in Schools Commission. 4.11 – CHIPS is renamed Chess Media Commission.

Mr. Rivello thanked Messrs. Leong and Mr. Mazouz for their work. The Ethics Commission had discussed this proposal. This proposal is better for his Commission. The Ethics Commission Chairman should still be directly elected by the General Assembly but the rest of the points are agreed.

Mr. Herbert requested reconsidering the name of the new Commission and to retain the name CACDEC. There could be some confusion using Development Commission. CACDEC has a very well established legacy within FIDE, most Federations are aware of this and know what it means. Development Commission is more ambiguous. He proposed to change Development Commission into CACDEC Commission. Mr. Leong said it will be Development CACDEC Commission.

8. FIDE logo protection.

Annex 8 is the FIDE logo protection memo by Legal Advisor M. Sand.

Mr Sand reported that the protection will be sought in around 30 countries and the cost is 15, 000 euros. If we want to extend the number of the countries, it can be done in due course.

There have been discussions with the DGT company. DGT is the official FIDE clock and the DGT people are not very happy that other clocks are called approved. On a general level if we create official equipment we should use this as mandatory and this should feature in all contracts. The memo underlines principles with the details to be worked out later. He referred the Executive Board members to the recommendations on the last page. In future FIDE should fight for its rights regarding the logo and try to prevent unauthorised usage. The list of countries for protection should increase. We should report cases of using the FIDE logo and the FIDE Secretariat should have a standard letter to send to such individuals or companies.

The Presidential Board had already approved this memo.

Annex 20 is letter from DGT regarding termination of the clock contract. Mr. Jarrett said they want to renegotiate but the proposal regarding the logo protection has to be accepted here.

The Executive Board accepted the proposals as outlined in the memo of Mr Sand.

Mr. Makropoulos said we have already reached an agreement with DGT mostly based on the previous agreement. They have new clocks and FIDE should recognise their clocks for our tournaments. The situation is different in the market. In future we have to see the possibilities with other companies who produce such equipment. DGT have a near monopoly and their quality is high. DGT wants a reduction of their fee and FIDE cannot just refuse and say no. The electronic boards only connect to DGT clocks. However, we reached an agreement more than two times better than the original contract they were proposing. The contract will be prepared for the next Presidential Board meeting.

Mr. Jarrett said that DGT has difficulties if FIDE approves or recognises other clocks, after proper testing. Then they want to have a higher level for themselves in recognition of the royalties that they are paying. There is a difference between official clock and approved clock but DGT say that it is difficult to explain in the retail market. If Regulations stipulate that only the official clock should be used in FIDE tournaments then that is a different level and they will see it.

Mr. Campomanes asked what happened if FIDE becomes ambitious and capable of manufacturing its own clock. What would happen to the contract?

Mr. Makropoulos said the contract will finish in 2010. We should encourage producers to be ready at this time. Global Chess can be such a producer as they could really invest and come with a competitive product and in this case our situation can improve. As long as there is not such a product, we cannot squeeze manufacturers to receive the maximum.

Mr. Herbert said that previously there was a provision for CACDEC Federations. Mr. Makropoulos confirmed that there is a 20% discount for CACDEC countries if the order is made through the FIDE Secretariat.

Section B:

9. Technical Commission

Commission Chairman Andrzej Filipowicz presented his report (**Annex 41**).

He said there is a problem with chess cheaters who use a computer during the game. Incidents have happened in USA, Germany, Poland and India. We should act very quickly because this behaviour destroys the image of chess. It is a very dangerous situation. This should be solved in the chess family, it should not be sent to the CAS. He suggested inserting an article into the FIDE Rules of Chess for a special punishment. He invited the Ethics Commission to think of a way to punish such people. The majority in the Technical Commission share this opinion. Some new chess clocks were tested but no new clock was endorsed. Currently 3 clocks are endorsed: DGT 2000, DGT XL and Silver clock.

Mr. Gelfer said this cheating has been going on for several years and the danger today is very big in youth tournaments. He said that he discussed this matter with the President and told him that there is a programme developed by Israeli Junior computer company that according to the history of the player and his moves, we can say 99% for certain that he is cheating. He recommends that the Technical Commission checks this and see if it might be endorsed. FIDE should have a cheating test during tournaments..

Mr. Filipowicz said FIDE should prepare a list of events where it is necessary to have electronic gate or control.

Mr. Makropoulos said FIDE has been monitoring articles regarding discussions and accusations, even when nobody was cheating. He thinks the media likes this topic and there are a lot of exaggerations. He believes that this discussion with proposals to invest into such programmes is not the best solution. This will be very expensive to the organisers as well. He said that if some low level cheaters were found, it does not mean that everyone cheats. We should have simple measures, a list of the tournaments that must have a restricted area for those who bring electronic devices and a simple system of punishment. We should not accept the idea of cheating and we should educate our children. An Appeals Committee is always in place for every major tournament.

Mr. Filipowicz said that such players should be removed, but this might cause an appeal to the court.

Mr. Rivello said a list of measures should be prepared. He said the Ethics Commission is prepared to work on new proposals. There was one case regarding an accusation of cheating where part of the evidence was that in one game there were a large number of moves that corresponded to the Fritz programme. Firstly, Mr. Rivello said, that for justice, even 95% is not enough for evidence of guilt. There should be a warning to arbiters to check if there is real evidence. He said the element of sanctions is not so clear to the Ethics Commission, but some guidelines were approved. The interpretation can be a maximum sanction. We have to change the Code of Ethics, where many amendments are needed. This can be done for the Dresden General Assembly.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the Ethics Commission should come forward with proposals for a strict decision regarding cases with cheating. Maybe even the complete banning of a player that is caught cheating.

Mr. Rivello agreed that the rules should be changed.

Mr. Herbert recommended that regarding the sanctions against cheating, the committee should look into the IOC guidelines for anti-doping rules, where the ultimate punishment is expulsion

Mr. Makropoulos said that the IOC now has a lot of cases concerning anti-doping and use of illegal substances. He said that the athletes are continually being caught because from the beginning the IOC was not so harsh. He was not sure we should follow the IOC. We want to stop cheating now. Therefore we have to study the situation and create a strict regime.

Mr. Azmaiparashvili said that the idea of Mr. Makropoulos is revolutionary. He said that the proposal from the delegates is to move in this direction step by step. He said if we do that we can reach the moment that everything will develop very fast and we are not ready. This revolutionary proposal protects the chess players, not punish them. We must make them not even think of cheating. This is very important because if we build some kind of vacuum and they know that the punishment is not so strict, they will be always be tempted to cheat.

Mr. Rajscanyi said that he supported the proposal for strong punishment but he underlined the importance of defining cheating.

Mr. Makropoulos said his proposal is just a philosophy and the full proposal should come to the General Assembly in Dresden.

The Executive Board approved the report of Technical Commission with one note: the disciplinary committee mentioned in the Olympiad regulations should be the appeal committee.

10. Rules and Tournaments Regulations Committee.

In the absence of Committee Chairman, Geurt Gijssen, Mr. Filipowicz presented the report (**Annex 46**). All proposals are for the General Assembly in Dresden and everyone is asked to send comments to the FIDE Secretariat.

Mr. Filipowicz said it was great pleasure to chair this Committee. Mr. Gijssen received many

remarks on the Laws of Chess. The Minutes contain all of them.

He drew the attention to the point that any player who arrives to the chess board later than the time specified, shall lose the game unless an arbiter decides otherwise.

Mr. Makropoulos said these comments should be sent to all Federations so that they come ready in Dresden.

The Executive Board wished Mr.Gijssen a speedy recovery from his bad fall and sent a letter signed by the President.

The Executive Board approved the report of the Rules and Tournament Regulations Committee.

11. Swiss Pairings Committee.

In the absence of Committee Chairman Christian Krause, Mr. Markkula presented the report (**Annex 32**).

Point 2, the proposal from Mr. Krause for the endorsement procedure shall be added to the annex.

Mr. Jarrett said the FIDE Secretariat had not received this proposal from Mr. Krause.

Mr Markkula said the idea was that an author of a programme in need of endorsement should contact Mr. Krause and he then sends a list of tournaments for testing the programme. As soon as the author is ready, he sends the full programme to the Chairman. If the result is approved, there will be a further two other testers in line with the proposal of the Swiss Pairings Committee.

Mr. Leong asked if there are any financial conditions to this proposal.

Mr. Markkula answered in the negative.

Executive Board approved the report of the Swiss Pairings Committee.

12. Technical Administration Panel.

Mr Burstein said that an agreement has been reached and the new Olympiad Pairings regulations are in **Annex 48**. In addition he asked to approve the changes to the Olympiad Regulations (**Annex 9, first page**).

The Panel had its first meeting with the Dresden Olympiad Organisers and both sides agreed on all technical aspects, concerning pairings, results and statistics.

Mr. Leong asked a question regarding byes. What if a team has 2 or 3 players, what will happen? Will they get the same points as full team?

Mr. Makropoulos said they should count for 4.

Mr. Burstein said that they will think about it.

Mr. Makropoulos said they should get two game points if they get a bye. His personal opinion is that they should not play.

Mr. Gelfer said these are very some important changes for the Olympiad and we should announce this to all Federations so that people know well in advance.

Mr. Makropoulos requested Mr. Burstein to prepare a letter and the Secretariat will send it, underling the important changes, especially tie breaks for the standings.

Mr. Sand asked whether it is a change that no protest against pairings is allowed. Mr. Makropoulos said it is not a change. Only the President can decide and request the change.

Mr. Sand opined that maybe this should be given to the Appeals Committee.

Mr. Makropoulos said the teams have to prepare for their next match and to change the pairing for the next round can be a disaster. If the mistake is found quickly, then the President can give an order to change the pairings.

Mr. Burstein said maybe it should re-phrased and this was agreed.

Mr. Freeman said we should confirm the time control for the Olympiad.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the FIDE time control is 90 minutes plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game after 40 moves with increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move 1. The only exception is World Championship matches.

Mr. Faulks said that the issue of 3 teams for the host federation is alright, but he had never been to an Olympiad where all the teams were known by the 1st round. So we should not pretend that this will make it any more or less likely. He would prefer that the C team would be put on hold for the first couple of rounds.

Mr. Makropoulos said this is not new. This is from the previous regulations. The third team comes in if the number is odd. It is possible that one team does not arrive on time, then the C team plays the first round.

Mr. Faulks proposed that host federations which have a C team, should not take priority.

Mr. Stubenvoll said in the previous Olympiads some teams arrived after round 1. We cannot avoid having an odd number of teams sometimes. With C team we can make an even number for round 1.

Mr. Markkula said the biggest problem is to find out which teams have arrived and which have not arrived. Regarding the protest against the pairings, there should be people who should check pairings. There should not be any mistakes in the pairings.

Mr. Makropoulos said if we want to solve the problem, we have to force our Federations to be disciplined, which at the moment is not so. If you are not at the opening ceremony, you should be out, only in chess do we accept the teams later.

Mr. Gelfer said we are the only organisation in the world that allows this.

Mr. Leong said that for two Asian Games, in Doha and Macau, regulations stated that teams cannot even change names after registration.

D. V. Sundar said sometimes countries cannot arrange visas on time.

Mr. Makropoulos said if a Federation applies in time, the visas are given. The problem is that a lot of federations apply late and then there are problems.

B Singh said in the last Olympiad the Pakistan players were refused visas. The Organisers should assure visas.

The proposal is that if a country is not in the captains' meeting, the team is out.

Mr. Metzging said he is in favour of deadlines and this should be a decision from FIDE not the Organisers. In Dresden we are asked to decide whether we are prepared to allow late arrivals, but this is up to FIDE.

Mr. Herbert said he is supportive of improving deadlines which does a lot for our sport. We should take into account that there are some special circumstances which might arise, so we should make sure force majeure cases are considered.

Mr. Abundo said no change of board order etc should also be decided.

Mr. Gelfer said we should not burden the President with this as he will not be able to refuse. We should task Organisers, Chief Arbiter or Committee.

Mr. Makropoulos said that force majeure should be real force majeure and not such excuses as I forgot my passport and failed to obtain a visa on time. Then it should be in authority of the President.

Mr. Sand said we should not have a force majeure clause. When two top athletes from USA came late, they did not re-run the 100 metres.

Mr. Makropoulos said we should create this clause only for the next Olympiad, but then it should be cancelled.

This strict deadline was approved by the Executive Board, except in the case of force-majeur.

The Executive Board approved the report of Technical Administration Panel

12.1. Proposed Amendments to the Olympiad Regulations and Pairing Rules.

Annex 9 is the proposals of Mr. A. Burstein to amend the Olympiad Regulations and the Olympiad Pairing Rules.

The Executive Board approved.

Section C: Qualification Commission.

13. Commission Chairman Mikko Markkula presented his report (Annex 47).

Mr. Markkula said 584 TAs had been considered since Turin. He thanked Nadia Ulyumdzhieva and the Elista FIDE office. The Committee Chairmen and Mr. W. Stubenvoll also did a lot of work. Inflation of ratings was studied.

Linares Tournament had been rated for April but some tournaments were not rated. The Qualification Commission decided to have a clear deadline, except for FIDE events listed in the FIDE Handbook. The 15th of the respective previous month is the deadline. A fine of 50 euros should be paid for the late registration.

Mr. Jarrett said the word penalty is better than fine. Financial regulations come into force from January 1st and we should inform the federations accordingly.

Mr. Makropoulos asked the reason for the proposal of this period for fines for late registration.

Mr. Markkula said there was a decision by the General Assembly, no tournament should be rated if not pre-registered.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed to refer this QC report to the Presidential Board meeting in Singapore.

The Executive Board approved that this should be referred to the next Presidential Board.

Mr. Sand said under point 8 there is a discussion of a norm for GM where a player played in a tournament without an arbiter with the title of IA or FA.

Mr. Markkula said the tournament was without an IA, not completely without an arbiter. The regulations say the arbiter should have a title. The federation signed the report and it was thought that we cannot punish the player for this mistake.

Mr. Campomanes asked for his name to be added to the attendees at the meeting.

Mr. Vega said the new division of Zones does not appear in the Handbook. He said that in Elista in 1998 there was a discussion about subzonals. He said that in the old Handbook there were 3 subzonals in 2.3, which had never organised events. The changes were approved. He asked why this was not shown in the new Handbook. He agreed with Mr. Markkula that it did not appear in the Minutes. In 1998 the organisation did not work as well as it is running now. However, as a consequence of this, title regulations were changed to avoid any title inflation, because sub zonal tournaments can grant only one IM and two FM titles. He saw in the report that it was decided that for some geographical reasons the subzones were created by the zones, but it was not decided by themselves, but by FIDE after a proper discussion. If it is not in the Minutes, it is not his fault, but since 1998 we have been working on this system and now we are facing a problem. At the beginning of next year the subzonals will start the next cycle. So he asked the Executive Board to solve this unpleasant situation and officialise the actual situation.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed to have a list of zones and subzones in the Americas as they are now. Mr. Vega said he sent the division to the Elista office two years ago.

The Board resolved to leave the issue of 60 days for late report fees to the next Presidential Board meeting.

Mr. Faulks said on page 2, it states that the CM titles should be confirmed and approved. This is another last exception.

Mr. Markkula said this is a very special case. This proposal was sent to FIDE before 2005, but it never came to the right Commission. The Organisers thought it was approved. He had checked the

results from the World School Championship with other Youth events and had become convinced that the titles were justified.

The Executive Board approved the report of Qualification Commission including the matter of the subzones.

14. Titles and Ratings Committee.

In the absence of Committee Chairman Dirk De Ridder, W. Stubenvoll presented the report (**Annex 31**).

Regarding Item 3, there had been two updates of the FIDE server, but it was very necessary that the rating officers of Federations correct the IDs of players, particularly in relation to duplicate entries. They propose that the Federations are sent a note regarding this.

Mr. Herbert said that it is not easy to get the changes done on the rating server. The Rating officer has no opportunity to solve duplicate IDs. He appealed to those responsible for the Rating Server to provide a more efficient service.

The titles listed in Annex 10 for over-the-board play are approved.

The 60 days rule for late reports for rating is referred to the next meeting of the Presidential Board.

The Executive Board approved the report of the Titles and Ratings Committee.

15. Arbiters' Council.

Council Chairman Panagiotis Nikolopoulos presented his report (**Annex 28**). **Annex 28A** is addendum to the report.

Annex 11 is the list of the proposed Arbiters' titles applications.

Annex 12 is a proposal regarding good manners of chess players.

The Council discussed whether all norms for titles should be from different events and more recent dates. They decided World and Continental Rapid Championships are equal to one norm.

Seminars for Arbiters are very important and it is intended to make seminars obligatory in obtaining a title of FA. The proposal will be made for the General Assembly in Dresden.

Eight seminars for Arbiters had been organised all over the world, in Gibraltar, Namibia, Sudan, Russia, Singapore, Greece and Philippines. There are some direct titles from these seminars. Applicants who come from Federations that cannot organise a FIDE rated tournament, receive the FA title if they succeed in passing exams at the seminar. We discussed it with various persons and we propose that the title is given to all participants of the seminars who achieve 80% in the examination.

The Executive Board approved.

The Council introduced the qualification for Arbiters following the General Assembly in Turin. A

sub committee is established, in cooperation with Continental Presidents, to prepare final regulations for the classification of arbiters for the approval of the General Assembly in Dresden.

A Committee is established to investigate all titles applications from Morocco since 2001, on instructions of Ethics Commission.

IA A. Filipowicz, IA C. Abundo and Honorary President IA F. Campomanes who is a legend in chess and will be extremely important in seminars, are included into the list of the lecturers.

The Executive Board approved the report of Arbiters' Council.

Section D: Chess Events Commission

16. Annex 34 is the report of Mr. Vasse.

The Executive Board should decide on the minimum number of federations participating in a world championship event, other than those which require prior qualification, in order for the event to be maintained as a World Championship.

Mr. Makropoulos said we cannot call an event with a few teams a World Championship. One such event was organised in the Czech Republic; the World School Teams Championship. Only 7 teams participated.

The Executive Board referred to the next Presidential Board

17. Organizers Committee.

Committee Chairman Stewart Reuben presented his report (**Annex 37**).

He said there is a lot of interest in the problem of dull draws, where a game is played with very few moves. A new system is suggested in item 5 of the Minutes. The system has not been tried and it is suggested that FIDE helps to arrange some events to test it.

Chess Event of the year. There has not been any suitable nomination.

Six applications for the International Organiser title were approved.

The Executive Board approved the report of the Organisers' Committee.

18. Youth and Junior Events Committee.

Mr. Ali Yazici presented the report (**Annex 27**).

He said the Committee should have a Chairman. He said that we have to give priority to our future Grandmasters. Invited players in the World Youth and World Junior events are not provided with best quality conditions everywhere. This has to be improved. Chess is developing, the number of participants is increasing and it is a great attraction for sponsors and organisers.

The Committee has agreed that there should be new formats for the junior events. GM Glek has raised the matter of starting a Grand Prix for youth players. The Committee asked him to come forward with a proposal for the GA in Dresden. Rating is also very important for children and

juniors. We have to see it as a big opportunity for the future.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed that this report has many ideas and the Presidential Board should discuss it in detail. They can decide on any new regulations and make special proposals for the General Assembly.

Executive Board referred the report to the Executive Board.

The Executive Board approved the report of Youth and Junior Events Committee.

Section E: Development Commission

19. Vice President L. Ncube presented his report (Annex 42).

The report highlights the work of various Committees and their reports.

The Executive Board approved the report of the Development Commission.

20. CACDEC.

Committee Chairman Allan Herbert presented his report (**Annex 39**).

Mr. Herbert said the development plan was presented in the Annex. Efforts will be made to ensure that any CACDEC activities will be driven by the development plan. CACDEC budget is administered by the Chairman.

Every successful CACDEC player in each category of the Continental Championships may receive a grant to participate in the World Youth championships. It will be available for all continents. At the moment countries have to make a choice whether to go to the Continental or World event.

Women's Committee made a proposal that he supported, to give 10% of the CACDEC budget for women's chess.

New countries should be encouraged to join FIDE. There are 53 countries as potential members. 50% are from Africa, 35% are from Asia and 15% are from Americas (mainly Caribbean).

Mr. Kelleher thanked Mr. Herbert for his outstanding job. He asked about the CACDEC budget as raised by the Verification Commission. The budget for 2006 was supposed to be 70,000 euros, but actual expenses were about 105,000 euros. He asked for an explanation of such excess over budget and what records are kept for those who received equipment at the Olympiad.

Mr. Herbert said during Olympiad years we take the opportunity to distribute equipment. In Turin the excess expenditure went to the distribution of equipment. 90% of the budget is administered by the Continental Presidents. The coordination of the distribution was spearheaded by the former Chairman I. Gelfer and at the end of the Olympiad there were records on actual receipt of the equipment. But some of them have been misplaced, e.g distribution to the Asian Federation is recorded. He suspected the same was true with pocket money, as there were some Federations who claimed they did not receive but the records show that the pocket money was given out.

Mr. Kelleher asked what percentage of equipment is accounted for in budgetary terms.

Mr. Herbert referred this to the Treasurer who said that there are records of the equipment being bought. Some equipment went missing, but actual distribution took place.

Mr. Kelleher asked who is ultimately responsible for distribution.

Mr. Herbert said that in Turin, Mr. Gelfer was responsible and Mr. Leong helped for the Asian Federations. He himself was not involved.

Mr. Mazouz said the Verification Commission comment is not against anybody in particular, but for the future we need to make that we have all the records in respect of any distribution or any grant.

Mr. Kelleher said it is important to realise if you distribute large amounts of equipment, it is also important to have records in place.

Mr. Leong said there are two copies with proper signatures and one copy was for the Treasurer and one copy to the Federation.

Mr. Makropoulos said in Turin the materials were distributed, but if Mr. Kelleher implies that because of elections some people were not very careful while distributing the materials, you are right and the remark is noted. Nobody stole money or materials.

Mr. Kelleher said he did not mention elections.

The Executive Board approved the report of CACDEC.

21. Committee on Chess in Schools.

Committee Chairman Uvencio Blanco presented his report (**Annex 49**).

He said that in 2007 his Committee had given importance to national federations and started projects in scholastic chess in Spain, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Panama, Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic. The Venezuela Government had said the project Chess in Schools is very interesting and prepared 68,000 instructors in 11,900 chess clubs. School activities for chess were attended by more than a million school children.

The Committee has decided to proclaim 2008 as Year of Africa with meetings in South Africa, Kenya and Zambia. Mr. Blanco said that the Committee believes it should be very strong and invited all the Federations to work permanently for the cause of chess in schools in all countries of the world.

Executive Board approved the report of the Chess in Schools Committee.

22. Committee on Women's Chess.

Committee Chairperson Halbagt Reimova presented her report (**Annex 26**).

She said that everybody is aware of the problems with women's chess. The Minutes show that the activity of the Committee is not fully satisfactory, it is just starting. A primary task of the Committee is to organise the participation of women's teams in the Chess Olympiads. The number of federations who do not participate in the women's event at the Olympiads is around 50. In many

countries there are no female chess players, e.g. in Afghanistan. Therefore we have to organise their participation through the training of women in these countries. We also should activate chess in schools in these countries as well. These countries mostly belong to CACDEC categories. It is necessary for the Committee to closely cooperate with many FIDE bodies, such as CACDEC, Trainers, Arbiters, Chess in Schools and have joint programmes. Mrs. Reimova asked the Committees and Continental Confederations for all possible assistance to her Committee.

She said that it is very positive that the number of women's tournaments is increasing and she thanked the FIDE President K. Ilyumzhinov and Vice President A. Selivanov for their help in the organisation of women's chess. This year the Russian Chess Federation organised the first World Women's Team Championship and she thanked them for their enormous work and wonderful organisation of this inaugural event.

We should note a positive shift at all the meetings held in Antalya and this Committee will work more actively in future to build on this.

Vice President A. Selivanov said that lately the women's chess tournaments have become better organised. He noted strong tournament in Krasnoturinsk, Baku and Azerbaijan. Next spring Turkey will organise another top level tournament. The most important thing is that organisers of the top men's tournaments have realised that they can and should organise women's editions. He gave examples of Biel Chess Festival and Linares tournament, which will be organising women's tournaments. The latest Club Cup showed that the number of women's clubs has increased. The latest winner is the Monte Carlo Chess Club, the members of which belong to Asian Federations. This is a good tendency that the number of women's clubs is increasing. The direction set by the FIDE President really needs more expansion and we should decide the way that women's chess should be developed. Today we will decide on the regulations of the World Chess Championship. The President had discussed the women's cycle with Mr. Selivanov and that it should follow similar regulations. If we create regulations for men's cycle, we should not have a different set of regulations for women.

Mr. Ilyumzhinov proposed a group of Messrs. Gelfer, Borg and Selivanov to come forward to the Presidential Board in Singapore for a change of the Women's WCC regulations to come into effect after Argentina. He also said that a Women's Grand Prix should be introduced and the winner of the Grand Prix should play a match with the winner of the Women's World Championship.

Mr. Makropoulos said that there is no Men's World Championship there is just World Championship and Women's World Championship.

The President said that at the last Indoor Asian Games there were 25 Arbiters and 6 of them were women. He also said that in the World Youth Championship next year in Vietnam there will be a woman as Chief Arbiter.

Mr. Borg said at least 2 women should be members of the Presidential Board. One woman should be an elected Vice President and one nominated. He said this proposal should be made to the General Assembly in Dresden.

Mr. Reuben should institute an award for a women's chess tournament.

Executive Board approved the report of the Committee for Women's Chess.

23. Committee on Chess for the Disabled.

Committee Chairman Gerry Walsh presented his report (**Annex 40**).

Executive Board approved the report of the Committee on Chess for the Disabled.

24. Trainers' Committee.

Committee Chairman Yuri Razuvaev presented his report (**Annex 35**).

Mr. Razuvaev said the proposals for the budget were sent to the General Secretary on time. He said there are many points in the report. Firstly, there is the situation of the Trainers' certificates. Many candidates who successfully concluded the seminars, passed their exams and paid their fees, did not receive their certificates. The membership of the Committee consists of many well respected and famous chess trainers and therefore these people turn to his colleagues and ask for the reason for the failure to receive their certificates. The Committee cannot provide them with a proper explanation as the Committee is not responsible for issuing of the certificates. After the seminars, all the results are sent to the General Secretary. One week ago in Herakleon the Committee came forward with a declaration to the Executive Board as this situation discredits FIDE and the image of the members of the Committee.

Secondly, Mr. Razuvaev spoke about the licences. In 2004 in Calvia during the General Assembly it was resolved to introduce trainers' licences. No trainer has received this licence. He hoped that this issue will be taken care of and the administration of FIDE will issue their apologies to those trainers who fulfilled all the requirements and did not receive their licences.

Next, Mr. Razuvaev drew the attention to two very important projects. The first is to create a trainers' manual. The idea is not new and his colleagues feel that there is a favourable situation for realization of this project. History of chess has seen many books but so far there is no manual on how to teach chess. Such a manual with detailed analysis of advice, methods and techniques and recommendations will be extremely important. It will help to solve a lot of problems, especially for chess developing countries. His colleagues realizing that this project is very important, formed an editing commission for this project. They also requested Deputy President G. Makropoulos to become an official patron of this project. He thanked Mr. Makropoulos for his understanding and consent.

The second project is online FIDE Academies. This is extremely important because we cannot imagine the development of chess without the Internet and computers.. Now the chess world needs thousands of chess teachers on the FIDE Instructor level. We realise that existing FIDE Academies are not able to solve this problem. Therefore we created a new technology for organizing seminars. Trainers' Academies will be responsible for the level of seminars, but National Federations will be responsible for the selection process and official recommendation to the participants. Also, national federations will be responsible for the time-table of examinations after such seminars. It is very pleasant to note that good material has been gathered for launching such a programme. We are connected with the German company Chessbase, through cooperation and a Russian company, Chess Assistant, and therefore the first two centres are planned to open in Berlin and Moscow. Such a programme will help National Federations to solve issues in respect of education of children and preparation of trainers. The level of the project which is also connected directly to the chess in schools programme, is very high. As you are aware, Russia is preparing its state school programme for chess in the curriculum. Also, next spring a summit conference will discuss the issue of introducing chess into schools in the European Union. Considering the high level of this event, the Committee requested the FIDE President and Deputy President to accept positions of patrons of the

project.

The Committee at their session in Herakleon, reminded FIDE of its decision of 1988 to award medals and diplomas to best trainers of various categories.

Finally Mr. Razuvaev spoke about Mr. Ali Yazici, for the great success of the Turkish Chess Federation. He underlined Mr. Yazici's ability to understand and cooperate with the strongest professionals. On behalf of the Trainers' Committee, Mr. Razuvaev thanked Mr. Yazici and wished him good luck in the future.

Mr. Leong said that he has explained to the Chairman that the title applications should follow the normal procedure of a title application, from an administrative point of view, at the level of Qualification Commission. He had agreed with the Executive Director that from 2008 these titles will be awarded at the end of the seminar. He gave the example of Arbiters' titles. For those trainers who did not receive their certificates it is because of this administrative procedure. However, they cannot be issued in all the academies and therefore the Singapore office will monitor the process. Otherwise we cannot authenticate the process. On the question of those who already have the title and did not receive the certificates, there are a couple of reasons. The FIDE office sends them out several times a year. In some cases the addresses are wrong and the certificates return. Those who have written to Athens or Singapore, receive their certificates in a couple of weeks. For those who claim that they have not received their certificates, Mr. Leong requested Mr. Razuvaev to provide their names specifically, to him so that he could communicate with them directly.

Mr. Yazici thanked Y. Razuvaev for the comments and said that trainers in Turkey have their motivation through earning money and not from the students. He proposed that the Turkish Chess Federation will make a proposal at the Presidential Board in Singapore to create a training manual system for FIDE where every party will be included.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed that if the Turkish Chess Federation is ready to organize without any cost, then Mr. Yazici should cooperate and coordinate with the Trainers' Committee. But this is the responsibility of Trainers' Committee and the proposal should be a joint one.

Mr. Makropoulos said he has been speaking to many coaches and had come to the conclusion that there is no book in the market on how a trainer should work, how he can choose talented kids, how he would educate them and with what kind of programmes. We have very good trainers, but we also have many very low level trainers and these trainers will learn a lot from this book. This is a difficult job, they have to cooperate and this will have a cost. But FIDE should support these people financially and FIDE should cover the costs of this book. He said we need exact details in respect of this proposal.

Mr. Borg said that in Crete he had discussed the point from the side of Global Chess.. He said the issue is very complicated, we need to ensure that if we create a Handbook, the rights are retained by FIDE. This area is very weak. We do not have an Organisers Handbook, Federations Handbook, Arbiters Handbook etc. All these need to be the intellectual property of FIDE.

Executive Board approved the report of the Trainers' Committee.

Section F: Special Commission.

25. Chess Information, Publication and Statistics.

Committee Chairman Gaguik Oganessian presented his report (**Annex 30**).

Mr. Oganessian said one of the most important tasks is to ensure we continue the tradition of the Chess Oscar project. The project was started by our dear late A. Roshal. Mr. Oganessian informed the Board that the Chess Oscar will be awarded in the future and the idea had been discussed with the new Editor in Chief of 64 Chess Review, Mr. M. Gluhovsky. They had agreed that there might be new nominations. He said that it is very important to collect data on chess journalists and chess publications and make them available with the help of websites, brochures and other publications.

Mr. Oganessian said that the Committee supports the idea to change the name of the Committee into the Committee on Chess Journalism. This will make clear the aims and tasks of the Committees and make them better defined.

Mr. Jarrett said that in several reports separate websites are mentioned. This is an area where Global Chess could develop these services and we should not replicate costs.

Mr. Borg said in all Committees it was agreed that the websites should be created. Every website should have extension fide.com. We should not encourage websites until they agree to this extension. Also, Mr. Borg said some of the ideas are incorporated in the strategic plan, regarding website, e.g. training online. He invited all Committees to contact him.

Executive Board approved the report of CHIPS.

26. Chess Art, Philately and Exhibition Committee.

No meeting was held.

27. Computer Chess Committee.

The report of Committee Chairman Jovan Petronic was presented (**Annex 25**). **Annex 36** is the report from the meeting.

Executive Board approved the report of Computer Chess Committee.

Section G: FIDE Medical Commission.

28. Commission Chairperson Dr. Jana Bellin presented her report (Annex 50**).**

Dr. Bellin highlighted some important activities. She said the Commission was active in the last year as you can see from the meeting report. She said there were no problems with anti-doping testing at the Turin Olympiad, probably all players had got used to testing. Testing was carried out at the Women's World Championship and the Kramnik-Topalov match.

Beta-blockers have at last been taken off of the prohibited substances list for chess and some federations expressed their satisfaction with this result. Also there were several communications and a meeting with Mr. Moser, the head of the European branch of WADA, about some modifications in the FIDE Anti-Doping regulations to comply with WADA code, e.g. a full independent hearing panel in case of violation. The main difference between our regulations of last year and now is that we have to commence out of competition testing, on a modified scale. There will be a dedicated member of FIDE staff to take care of this procedure. She strongly advised the

National Federations request their players to submit TUE forms and send a copy to FIDE Medical Commission so as to avoid any confusion and further problems with the results management.

Mr. Kelleher asked about out of competition testing, what level, how many players.

Dr. Bellin said we are talking about the registered pool of players, specified in Article 3 of current Anti Doping Regulations. That is 45 top ELO rated male players as they appear on the January FRL and 5 top rated female players.

Mr. Kelleher said he hoped that normal sanctions will apply to those who refuse.

Dr. Bellin said same sanctions apply to in competition and out of competition testing.

Executive Board approved the report of the Medical Commission.

Section H: Ethics Commission.

29. Commission Chairman Roberto Rivello presented his report (**Annex 43, Annex 43b and Annex 43c**).

Mr. Rivello drew attention to two points. Firstly, he said the first thing was to prepare some internal procedural rules. He had submitted them to the President who had temporarily authorised them. He asked these rules to be confirmed by the Executive Board (**Annex 43b**).

The Executive Board approved.

Mr. Rivello said that the first hearing was held in Athens, where five cases were considered, prior to which the guidelines and interpretations of the Code of Ethics had been approved. He said this document is more important than the five decisions. These guidelines determine the competence of the Ethics Commission, the sanctions and the relationship between the Commission and national Federations.

Mr. Rivello said that it was normal for judicial organs to want to enlarge their competence, but the Ethics Commission did the opposite and narrowed their competence and said they cannot decide on just any motion. They cannot start an action, they need a complaint from the people who have juridical interest or a report by a FIDE organ. He said that in fact most complaints received are not for people who have a legal interest, but are other people and organisations, e.g. ACP. In the meeting in Antalya, the Commission decided that they cannot open a case and just inform all respective FIDE bodies, e.g. Presidential Board and Qualification Commission. If they receive a report, the Commission will start acting. All the other points are in the report.

Mr. Rivello said that he listened to the very important speech of the FIDE President. He wanted to mention one important point of view from a legal perspective, i.e. legal nature of FIDE in respect of privacy rules of the European Community..

Mr. Rivello said that all legal problems are interesting for lawyers and the CAS is a recent court which was introduced in the 1980s. In some European Universities there are professors and scholars who teach sport's law but they are very few, in UK, France, Italy and Switzerland. So it might be cheaper to organise a legal seminar or congress inviting the best scholars in the world to give advice concerning legal problem of FIDE, e.g. legal justice, chess law. This could help in our relationship with the IOC and we can invite the CAS Vice President, who is an acting President and an Italian.

So it will be easy to invite them, and we only need a one day seminar. There is no precedent in the world of International Sports Federations in this respect. He said that this can help to bring us to a better position with the IOC.

Mr. Sand said we have to thank the Ethics Commission for the excellent work being done, it is very good. He proposed that FIDE subscribes to a sport's law review newspaper as there are interesting articles relating to our activities. The Treasurer is requested to have subscriptions for Athens, Mr. Sand and Mr. Rivello.

Mr. Kelleher said he was the EC Chairman before Turin and the Commission had very little business. In the last couple of years the situation had changed dramatically. He referred to the previous cases where FIDE had to pay enormous costs and bring jurists from outside FIDE and even in the case of victory, it was a Pyrrhic victory. There are many new cases and there are some cases in the CAS filed against FIDE. It is very important that FIDE has a professional jurist to head the Commission and he is very happy that Mr. Rivello was appointed as the Commission Chairman, it is in very good hands. He thanked Mr. Rivello and Mr. Sand also for a fine job.

The Executive Board approved the report of Ethics Commission.

Section I: FIDE Meetings, Tournaments and Matches.

30. Presidential Boards.

30.1 1st quarter 2008 Presidential Board.

The Presidential Board meeting will take place in Singapore 21-22 December 2007.

30.2 2nd quarter 2008 Presidential Board.

The meeting will take place in Istanbul. Dates to follow later.

Mr. Makropoulos mentioned that there will be an important meeting in Slovenia and we should make sure that the dates do not clash.

30.3 3rd quarter 2008 Presidential Board.

The meeting shall take place in Ankara. Dates to follow later.

30.4. 4th quarter 2008 Presidential Board.

The meeting will be held in Dresden, during the FIDE Congress 2008, if required.

31. 79th FIDE Congress 2008 and 38th Chess Olympiad 2008.

The FIDE Olympiad and Congress will take place in Dresden.

Mr. Makropoulos informed the Board that the Dresden delegation, led by Mr. Lehmann, Mayor of Dresden, was having meetings with FIDE officials. The Dresden Municipality had approved the financial guarantees for FIDE in respect of the Olympiad and the contract will be signed this afternoon upon arrival of the Mayor.

The Organisers have distributed a zero bulletin of the Chess Olympiad 2008.

Mr. Metzger speaking on behalf of the German Chess Federation, thanked FIDE, ECU Board and all persons who had helped to reach a solution and sign a contract. He also thanked the city of Dresden for the City Council's unanimous decision, which gives the Federation moral support. He assured everyone that they will do their best to ensure a very good organisation of the 2008 Chess Olympiad.

Dr. Jordan, Chairman of the Dresden Olympiad Organising Committee, officially invited all the Federations to participate next year in the event, from 12 to 25 November 2008.

32. 80th FIDE Congress 2009.

The event shall be held in Singapore, 7-14 September 2009.

33. 81st FIDE Congress 2010 and 39th Chess Olympiad 2010.

The events will be organised in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia.

Mr. Gelfer said Khanty-Mansiysk will organise the World Cup this year and also in 2009. The Olympiad will be in September when the temperature is +2 to -3. Preparations are in full spate. Messrs. Gelfer, Borg and Balgabaev will go there again next week. The playing hall is almost ready and some points regarding the hotels are being discussed. All obligations will be respected.

Mr. Freeman asked if we have a guarantee from Khanty-Mansiysk, in accordance with the financial regulations.

Mr. Gelfer said this was one of the points which were discussed and he hoped to finalise this next week.

Mr. Makropoulos said we have to solve this problem regarding the guarantee and have a clear situation next year. You never know what can happen in two years. We hope that nothing will change but based on our negative experience from the past, we should obtain this guarantee. We have great experience with the Governor of the region, but for security reasons it is better to discuss all the details and have such a guarantee.

34. World Championship Tournament 2007.

Mr. Makropoulos said the President could not attend the event, following his doctor's restriction on his travel. We held a Board meeting at the same time and several members of the Board stayed for the whole duration of the Championship. It was a good tournament, but due to the political problems, between Governor and the Mayor, there were financial problems. The players were happy, the hotel and the tournament hall were adequate. The weak point was the Internet. Geoffrey Borg did his best but we did not succeed to reach the point we planned. He referred to the contract with Global Chess which means the control of the Internet in all big events of FIDE will be under their direction.

We have a new World Champion Viswanathan Anand from India. **Annex 21** is the report of the Chief Arbiter.

Mr. Makropoulos thanked Mr. Vega for his great work and help in Mexico.

Mr. Vega said there were serious problems in the government of Mexico as it changed 3 months before the start of the Championship. It negatively affected the financial side. He congratulated Mr. Makropoulos and the whole team for a great job in cooperating with the Organisers in this event.

Executive Board approved the report.

35. World Cup 2007.

Mr. Borg informed the Executive Board members that there was a visit in October. He said that he was very pleased, despite some prior trepidation, to note the level of preparation and degree of professionalism. He is in constant contact with them. The main problem is visas, as usual, and now everybody is rushing to help with the visas because everyone was very late in applying. Russia changed the visa regulations in October. All the money is in place, the event should be well organised.

36. World Chess Championship Cycle 2007-2009.

Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos informed the members that it is a cycle which includes 3 matches, namely Kramnik-Anand, Topalov with the World Cup winner 2007 and in 2009 there will be another match for the title between Kramnik-Anand match winner and the winner of the Topalov-World Cup match.

He said there are a lot of criticisms regarding the privileges of Kramnik and Topalov. After the San Luis Championship 2005, FIDE talked to the Grandmasters. A rule was agreed that anyone who has a rating over 2700 can challenge the Champion. Every player who participated in the World Championship Tournament was aware of this rule.

This regulation was in force when we signed the contract for the Elista match and it was included in the contract. Both Kramnik and Topalov knew that after Mexico they can challenge the World Champion.

Later there was a proposal to completely change the system and go back to the system of matches. We decided that any player of over 2700 is deprived of this right to challenge, except for the previous World Champion. With this situation Kramnik was in the World Championship Tournament as World Champion. However, Topalov did not have a place in the cycle and he could have stayed out of the cycle for 2 years. Based on the legal responsibility and the contracts and previous obligations, we created the possibility for him to play against the World Cup winner. With this decision we were trying to close the problems which were in existence after Kasparov left FIDE.

We believe we are saving the whole situation and that no-one can go to the court in Lausanne, blaming FIDE that they are deprived of any of their rights.

GM Anand cannot say that he does not play this match because he was not aware. He knew from the previous regulations that if he wins in Mexico, he will have to play this match with the previous World Champion.

FIDE signed a contract with a German company, UEP, for next year's match and we gave them the right to organise the match. They provided a guarantee of 200,000 euros for FIDE and 1,2 mln euro prize fund and all organising costs. We are pleased that there is an increase in the prize fund from

the previous match. At that time we could only discuss about Kramnik, and he was involved in the discussion. Today there is a situation where Anand has to sign the contract with FIDE to participate in this event. He has his own proposals. We have to enter negotiations, with Anand, Kramnik and the Organisers, to find common ground because everybody wants this match. Anand declared in Mexico that he is ready to play. He is our new World Champion. We can understand that every new World Champion has his personal proposals. It was the same with Kramnik and before that Topalov and it is normal in FIDE. Anand is a very decent player and he was all these years with FIDE. We do not expect a situation with many difficulties. The President is our backup to solve the situation if we do not succeed in the negotiations. Mr. Makropoulos requested Mr. Sand to help with the contracts and other legal work. Kramnik, Anand and UEP are in receipt of the letter stating that there are going to be negotiations.

The contract with UEP stipulates a deadline of 30 October for both players to provide signed contracts. We have only Kramnik's signed contract. Of course he knew the content before and Anand was informed only after he became World Champion.

Mr. Makropoulos said he is hopeful and optimistic that FIDE will solve the problems. Anand says that if we go to the old system, with the match, then in the old system if there was a tie, the defending Champion keeps the title. He is asking for this right. Since Mr. Ilyumzhinov has been President, the World Champions have lost their right for this. The principle has changed and we have promoted this change as being very democratic. When Topalov won in San Luis and then played with Kramnik, he did so without any privilege. When Kramnik played in Mexico, he did not have any privilege in case of a tie. In the contract with UEP, if Kramnik would be World Champion after Mexico, he would play a match with Topalov, without this privilege.

GM Anand is referring to the old tradition, which has not been used for many years. Mr. Makropoulos hoped that he would be able to convince Anand on this point. The other points will be discussed and most of them should be accepted by the Organisers and Kramnik.

The new cycle starts next year with the Grand Prix. There are six tournaments and all players should play in 4 tournaments out of 6. The results of the best 3 will be accumulated for final standings. In 2009 we will have a Grand Prix winner and a World Cup winner. And these winners will play a match in 2010. The winner of this match will play the World Champion in 2011. **Annex 18** is Grand Prix regulations. **Annex 29** is information about Kramnik's signing of the contract.

Mr. Sundar drew the attention to one of the points of Anand's request, which is a neutral venue. He said it is a reasonable request. He supported this request and proposed the meeting of all the parties.

Also, Mr. Filipowicz asked if FIDE established dates for the matches.

Mr. Makropoulos said we established the period, September, but Anand has obligations in September with the Grand Slam and he has signed his contract. The dates are announced and he is asking to move the dates to October. This is another point for the discussion.

Mr. Makropoulos said the Organisers of top tournaments are actually aware that FIDE keeps September for the World Championship in our calendar. The organisers should see and maybe adjust. We will try to solve this problem.

The main idea is first to organise Kramnik-Anand and then the Topalov match. This is the preferred order in order to maximise publicity.

37. Women's World Chess Championship 2008.

The event shall be held in San Luis, Argentina.

Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos said the decision was made in Mexico at the Presidential Board meeting. We had two good proposals, from Argentina and Kazakhstan. The Argentinian offer was financially better. Berik Balgabaev had a difficult job to inform Kazakhstan but we will try to organise other events in Kazakhtsan.

The most likely dates are in May.

The contract is prepared. Our experience with San Luis is very positive, so we believe everything will be alright.

Mr. Filipowicz said 4 May is the end of the European Men and Women Championships.

Mr. Makropoulos said we do not want to clash with any events. The problem will be discussed with Mr.Kutin later today.

Mr. Vega said he would like to submit a plan prepared, together with Argentina, and asked for FIDE endorsement.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed that there should be a meeting between Americas, FIDE and maybe Global Chess, just to see the issues and discuss.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the contract will be signed with the Governor of San Luis Dr. Saa. Argentina has also won the bid for World Junior 2009. The Federation has several proposals and ideas about events. A meeting can be held to discuss all these proposals.

Mr. Quinteros said the proposed dates for the Women's World Championship in San Luis are from 21 May until 13 June 2008.

Mr. Makropoulos said that at the beginning of June there is a meeting of SportAccord in Athens and all the FIDE leadership will be present there. He proposed that the European Calendar should be revised and a solution found.

Mr. Kelleher pointed out that the US Championship ends on May 21st 2008. So a later date is preferred.

Mr. Makropoulos requested Continents to provide their information on women's important tournaments in their respective Continents.

Mr. Quinteros said they are ready to sign the contract in the middle of December, around 10th December 2007.

There is also an idea is to organise a World Chess Circuit in 2010, which is the bicentenary year for Argentina. The event will consist of six different tournaments and players will play open tournaments for all categories, from January to December. Each tournament will have ten rounds and it is proposed to have different venues in Argentina. They requested the patronage of FIDE, the prize fund is 150,000 USD for each tournament and 20% of the total amount shall be paid to FIDE. The top Grandmasters are not targeted, in order not to clash with the FIDE Grand Prix.

Executive Board granted the patronage of FIDE to the World Chess Circuit.

Executive Board accepted the report of the Women's World Championship.

38. World Juniors and Girls Championships 2008.

The Turkish Chess Federation to organise this event from 2-16 August in Ankara.

39. World Juniors and Girls Championships 2009.

Turkish Chess Federation and Mexican Chess Federation submitted bids for this event.

Mr. Jarrett said there was a late bid received from Argentina. Poland indicated its interest to bid for 2010 or 2011.

Mr. Yazici said he had no objection to the Argentinean bid being tabled.

Mr. Makropoulos said there were no inspections for the bids. We should ensure the standards are alright and then inspections might not be necessary. Otherwise we cannot decide without inspection. He believed we can make this decision here as well.

Mr. Borg said that Argentina had proposed the venue which was inspected for the World Youth Championships.

Ali Yazici withdrew the Turkish bid in support of Argentina.

Mr. Sand proposed we should let Mr. Vega inspect and decide.

Executive Board approved.

40. World Youth Championships U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18 2008.

The event will be held in Vung Tau, Vietnam from 19 to 31 October 2008.

Mr. Leong said the Mind Games will be played in Beijing in October so the dates have been changed accordingly.

Mr. Vega invited Mr. Leong to visit Pan-American Youth Championship in June, at the Continent's expense.

41. World Youth Championships U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18 2009.

FIDE received bids from Greece, Montenegro, Hungary, Argentina, Spain, Turkey, Singapore and Mexico. Subsequently, Singapore and Greece withdrew and the Presidential Board at its meeting in Mexico City, Mexico, 13-14 September 2007 recommended Argentina, Montenegro and Turkey for decision of the Executive Board.

The bids of Argentina, Montenegro and Turkey are **Annex 13**.

Mr. Makropoulos said Greece and Turkey were not inspected, because the conditions and the hotels

are well known. Mr. Makropoulos withdrew the proposal of Greece because the evaluation report was not correct. For example, in the Youth events 900 kids stay for free, and there is a large difference if we provide a 3 star or 5 star hotel for such an event. This important aspect was not in the report.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the inspection team did not even use the FIDE Secretariat to prepare the inspection evaluation report because there was a Greek proposal. He said that the organisers of other bids started bargaining with the FIDE inspection team, which was outside of the bidding procedure. In Mexico it was decided to go to the original bids and these three bids are recommended, Argentina, Montenegro and Turkey.

Mr. Kutin said the former Yugoslavia was a strong chess country, the second chess power and organiser of Olympiads and interzonals. There are now 6 independent countries and chess is present in all of them. This is one point. Secondly we are talking about Montenegro and its bid for World Youth. This would be the very first FIDE event in this country. The President of the country sent a letter to support the bid of Montenegro and gave an exclusive place for construction of a chess palace worth 2 mln euro. We have to respect such things. If Montenegro wins, there will be no visa problems for any country.

Mr. Gelfer said that the inspection team is standing by their report and their classification of the hotels and the procedure. He said that all the bids were good ones.

Mr. Barrera said they are withdrawing their bid and thanked FIDE for their trust in the possibility of them to organise the event. However, now they will have the World Junior Championship 2009.

Ali Nihat Yazici referred to the current event in Turkey. He said that 1600 players at the event speaks for itself. They have the cheapest bid and best hotel conditions and can make a contribution to FIDE. We will respect the choice of the Executive Board.

Mr. Azmaiparashvili did not agree that Mr. Makropoulos should have withdrawn the Greek bid, and he did not understand his reasons. He thought the best bid was from Greece, but for the future we should not support the idea that kids would suffer because of some games inside FIDE. He said that he is surprised that the Continental President for Europe is supporting one bid from Europe when we have two bids from Europe. He said we appreciate the letter of the President of Montenegro and confirms that the Montenegro Federation has improved. He said that the intention to build a chess centre has nothing to do with the bidding for the World Youth. He said Montenegro has organised many European events. We should vote for the best. We know which is the best 5 star hotel.

Mr. Kutin said he spoke on behalf of the Montenegro Chess Federation as its delegate. They had not organised any European events as an independent country.

Mr. Yazici proposed to have a secret vote. This was agreed

The results of the secret ballot of the Executive Board. (37 voted but two votes were invalid.)

Montenegro – 15

Turkey - 20

The Turkish Chess Federation will organise the event in 2009.

42. World Youth Championships U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18 2010.

Colombian Chess Federation has expressed its interest in organising the event. **Annex 22** is the bid. Deadline was 30 September 2007, Mr. Makropoulos said no inspections had been made.

Annex 23 is the bid from Italy and **Annex 24** is the bid from Greece.

Mr. Gelfer said the decision should be taken in the Executive Board. He tried to examine all 3 bids based on the documentation. Fight was very tight for the 2009 event. For the 2010 event the situation is very clear. Columbian bid did not have any prices for hotels, Italy offers 3 and 4 star hotels. Greece offers de luxe hotel in Sitonia. The hotel situation is clear, the Greek bid is much better. Greece also offers 50,000 euro to FIDE.

Mr. Gelfer recommended approving the Greek bid.

Mr. Azmaiparashvili asked Mr. Makropoulos not to withdraw the proposal, as the Greek hotel Porto Carras was the venue for the European leaders and it is really a high standard 5 star hotel. Kids, parents and all accompanying persons will really enjoy their stay. Mr. Azmaiparashvili said he is in favour of the Greek bid.

Mr. Metzging confirmed that he inspected Porto Carras this year for the European Club Cup and the conditions are really of the highest standard, even higher than normal five star hotels. He could not comment on other bids.

Mr. Yazici said he has two points. First, if Mr. Makropoulos had not withdrawn the Greek bid in Mexico, then Turkey would not have won the 2009 WYCC. Second, the decision should be taken here and should not be postponed. He said his personal preference is Greece.

Mr. Rivello said he did not believe it is correct to speak in favour of his own Federation. He said if this will be the decision of the Executive Board, then this is not exactly correct as no inspections have been made to Colombia and Italy. If the decision is taken here, he requested to proceed with a secret vote.

Mr. Makropoulos said he has no problem whether we go to a secret vote or the Executive Board decides to refer this issue to the Presidential Board. He said he will not speak about the Greek bid.

Mr. Gelfer asked what might change by the Presidential Board which is just one month ahead.

Mr. Rivello said you can analyse by that period.

Executive Board agreed that a vote take place.

Mr. Kelleher said that if the bidders agree, we can have an open vote.

Mr. Rivello still insisted on referring the issue to the Presidential Board.

Mr. Sand proposed to have an oral vote, and make a decision here.

Finally, it was decided to have a secret vote. The result was as follows. (36 votes 1 invalid):

Colombia 6
Greece 25
Italy 4

The Championship was awarded to Greece. Mr. Makropoulos thanked the Executive Board members and he said that the Porto Carras hotel is much better than Creta Maris that has impressed so much the participants of the European Team Championships. He said that the Organisers who had bid for 2009, were very upset that he withdrew the bid and they came forward with an even better bid for 2010.

Gerry Walsh said the English Chess Federation would like to bid for 2012 in London, which would coincide with the Olympic Games being held there. He hoped to meet the Minister of Sports and members of Parliament in December and later in Slovenia, and prepare a business plan which they can come back to FIDE, for approval, later.

Mr. Makropoulos said that sometimes when the President is visiting a country, he meets with Heads of State and Prime Ministers and they request to organise such an event. He believed the President had the right to promise but then he can come to the Board and ask for support. He was sure that the President can visit England and they can request this event. Then the President can promise if they guarantee all the conditions.

43. World Seniors Championships 2008.

The German Chess Federation will organise the event in Bad Zwischenahn from 28 October to 8 November 2008.

Mr. Sand said there is a Presidential Board decision that inspections have to be carried out. The Board authorised Mr. Kutin to find a person for this purpose. Mr. Sand said that he received an oral report that the last event was not held in good conditions.

44. World Seniors Championships 2009.

FIDE invites bids for this event.

45. World Amateur Championship 2008.

The event shall be held in Halkidiki, Greece, from 28 April to 5 May 2008.

Mr. Tsorbatzoglou thanked the Presidential Board for their trust in awarding him the event.

46. World Amateur Championship 2009.

FIDE invites bids for the event.

47. World Team Championship 2009.

Singapore Chess Federation and Turkish Chess Federation submitted bids for this event (**Annex 44**). Singapore withdrew their bid. The event is awarded to Turkey.

48. 2008 World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad.

The event shall be held in Ankara, Turkey from 15 to 24 August 2008.

49. 2009 World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad.

FIDE invites bids for this event.

50. World Schools Individual Championship 2008

The event shall be organised in Singapore.

51. World Schools Team Championship 2008

Annex 14 is a proposal from the Czech Chess Federation to organise the event in Pardubice from 9 to 17 July 2008.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the level of participation is not high and it is not right that we give such a status for such a low level participation event. He drew the attention of the ISCU and Mr. Kostyev to this fact. He said we should at least have participation of 3 continents. We should monitor the situation and in future, if it is not improved, we cannot continue to support this event.

52. World Women's Team Championship

Presidential Board in Tallinn approved Women's World Team Championship to be held every two years.

Singapore Chess Federation expressed interest to organise the event in 2009.

Annex 51 is the bid from the Singapore Chess Federation for 2009.

Deadline for bids for the 2011 event is 30th June 2008.

53. World Blitz Chess Championship 2007

The event shall be organised in Moscow, Russia in November.

Mr. Makropoulos said there is a problem with the regulations. Each Organiser organises how they think best. We see that the Moscow organisers are using the Tal Memorial mainly as qualification to the Championship and this is not right. Specific regulations will be presented in the next Presidential Board so that we do not have the same problem in the future. **Annex 15** is the World Blitz Championship Regulations for 2007.

Kazakhstan expresses its interest for 2008 (**Annex 15A**).

Executive Board approved the bid from Kazakhstan.

54. World Rapid Championship for Pairs.

The Russian Chess Federation has expressed its interest to organise this event in June 2008. Mr. Selivanov confirmed this but no regulations have been presented to the Secretariat yet.

55. World Mind Games 2008

The event shall be held in Beijing, China from 3 to 18 October 2008.

Mr. Jarrett said that this project needs substantial financial investment. He said the project has been ongoing for some time but there has been very little publicity. There will be bridge, chess, draughts and go. We expect this to be a very successful event. The format will be for teams, pairs (man + woman) and individual (all rapid and blitz). Mr. Jarrett goes to Beijing shortly for further discussions. Announcements will be published on the FIDE website in due course. The Games have the backing of GAISF.

Mr. Makropoulos said the main request from FIDE was to find sponsorship for the tickets of our participants, as this event is followed by the Dresden Olympiad and it would be difficult for our Federations to participate in both events. Otherwise not many Federations will appear in the tournament. So if the Organisers look for success, they should treat this request seriously. The idea is good. In Russia they have started to organise such Games and he believed that soon it can be an important event for all mind sports. Probably the people brought in by the FIDE President should look at the Mind Games potential.

Section J: Reports of Continental Presidents.

56. Report of Continental President for Europe.

Continental President for Europe, Boris Kutin, presented his report (**Annex 52**).

He told the meeting of an important internal event. From January 2008 Slovenia will take Presidency of the European Union. There will be a meeting of Sports Ministers from 27 countries, and all Presidents of NOCs will be invited plus Presidents of National Chess Federations. The date is 13-15 March 2008 and it will be a unique opportunity to introduce chess to the Ministers of Sports and explain why we should enter the Olympic Games. Europe is the most conservative continent when we speak about chess. Over 50% of the IOC is composed of Europeans. He believes that we should use this opportunity and attend this meeting. FIDE should be involved and he would like to establish a Committee to start the preparations as soon as possible. He does not think the budget will be very high but having the possibility to talk to all these people for three days, is a real unique opportunity for all of us.

The Executive Board approved the report of the Continental President for Europe.

57. Report of Continental President for Americas.

Continental President for the Americas Jorge Vega presented his report (**Annex 16 and Annex 16A**).

The Executive Board approved the report of the Continental President for Americas.

58. Report of Asian Continental President.

Continental President for Asia Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifa Al Nahayan presented his report (**Annex 53**).

Sheikh Sultan said that in Macau he was approached by the Asian Beach Games in Indonesia who invited chess to join them. The UAE Government had officially recognised the Asian office move to Al Ain.

They had limited the participants in the Asian youth tournaments to three per federation and had the

support of the largest Asian Federations. There will be a closed section and an open section in the youth tournaments in future.

The Executive Board approved the report of the Continental President for Asia.

59. Report of African Continental President.

In the absence of the Continental President for Africa, Dabilani Buthali, Vice President Lewis Ncube presented his report (**Annex 45**).

The Executive Board approved the report of the Continental President for Africa.

Section K: Other Matters

60. Relations with IOC.

Executive Director David Jarrett informed the Board that the new office in Lausanne opens new opportunities for us. Together with Dr. Bellin he met with WADA. He said that there will be another visit to an International Sports federation conference shortly.

The IOC approached us regarding the word Olympiad. Messrs. Sand and Jarrett went to talk to the IOC. Mr. Sand said we had the meeting with the head of the Legal department of the IOC and it was agreed that they have a weak legal case as we used this since 1924. There is a political side which we cannot comment on.

61. Relationship with BJD.

Mr. Jarrett said that this is the medical insurance company that we use for Presidential Board members, Executive Board, Chairmen of the Committees, staff and Delegates. Following a significant rise in the premium, due to some large claims, we examined critically the people on the insured list. It was decided that ordinary members of Committees will not be insured in future as the list is long and many persons do not attend the meetings at all.

BJD will issue cards for a 4 year period. This suits us as this coincides with our election period.

Mr. Gelfer said that our insurance does not cover continuation of treatment when you return to your own country, this proved to be the case with Mr. Campomanes. We discussed this in Mexico and agreed that we will check the possibility of extending the insurance to such cases.

Mr. Sand said by examining the documents it is clear that insurance covers a permanent disability.

Mr. Campomanes appreciated the arrangements FIDE made with BJD, which enabled him to be here with us today. Arrangements in Turkey were undertaken by BJD, and he was properly taken to Manila. Mr. Campomanes thanked whoever had thought of BJD in the first place.

Mr. Makropoulos commented that when Mr. Omuku went and signed the contract by himself many people were angry initially. However, it has been very beneficial in a few cases.

62. Asian Games 2010

The Asian Olympic Committee has informed FIDE that Chess is included into the programme of

the Asian Games 2010, to be held in Guangzhou, China, 12-27 November 2010.

63. FIDE vs. Jean-Paul Touze

Legal Advisor Morten Sand informed the Board on the result of the CAS action.

He said that the court case was in March and the result was published on our website. One consequence of the decision is that Mr. Touze can take his case back to the General Assembly of FIDE. He should have done this before and that is why we must be prepared that he will come to Dresden and raise this issue again. If the outcome is negative for him, we should assume that he will sue us again. We must be very sure about the due process of handling his case in Dresden if he raises this issue. He thanked all the Federations who responded and brought ten witnesses to the CAS hearing.

64. Late Annexes

Annex 17 is referred to the Presidential Board in Singapore. It was received late.

Annex 19 is list of ICCF titles was confirmed by Executive Board.

Annex 38 is Chess Administration Seminar in Singapore. It is a very useful initiative by General Secretary. Mr. Leong proposed that such seminars be conducted at Presidential Boards with neighbouring Federations to participate.

Proposed match Russia vs. Rest of the world was referred to the Presidential Board.

Closing.

On behalf of the FIDE President Deputy President G. Makropoulos thanked all of the Board members for their contribution and wished everybody a safe journey home. We meet again in Dresden for the Congress next year.

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