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General Assembly Minutes
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0.1. Election of the Committee tasked to establish the legality of the meeting.

A Committee comprising of Messrs. M. Sand, E. Keyzer, N. Tabbane, E. Omuku and C. Abundo was agreed.

0.2. Obituaries.

The Assembly mourned the passing in the preceding year of friends of FIDE among whom we remember:

GM Ivanov, Igor (CAN)
IA Boniface, Steve (ENG)
IM Toran, Roman (ESP) – former FIDE Vice President
Mr. Bisson, John (GCI)
WM Gurfinkel, Josefa (RUS)
GM Kholmov, Ratmir (RUS)
WM Ranniku, Maaja (EST)
GM Savon, Vladimir (UKR)
IM Sofrevski, Jovan (MKD)
IM Zilberstein, Valery (RUS)
Mr Burdio Garcia, Delfin (ESP) – former President of IBCA
GM Heemsoth, Hermann (GER) – former Honorary Member of ICCF
GM Paoli, Enrico (ITA)
IA Amalfi, Luigi Giovanni (ITA)
IA Nobile, Salvatore (ITA)
IA Robinson, John (ENG)

0.3. Report of the committee for legality of the meeting and closing of the register of proxies (A.01. - 4.16)

0.4. Exclusions.

The General Assembly noted that Burundi, Ghana and Ivory Coast Federations are the Federations due for confirmation of exclusion from membership, having been temporarily excluded at Dresden 2005 Executive Board meeting. They have still not fulfilled their financial obligations but the Treasurer proposed no action until the Executive Board in 2007 as two of the three Federations had recently been in contact

and it was hoped that a settlement of arrears would follow.

1. Report of the President.

President Kirsan N. Ilyumzhinov delivered his annual report.

He said that today we start the General Assembly of the 77th FIDE Congress. The FIDE President expressed the gratitude to the Olympiad Organising Committee led by Mr. Paolo Fresco, Italian Chess Federation with its President, Mr. Gianpietro Pagnoncelli, the leadership of the Piemonte region, the province of Turin and the city of Turin, all the sponsors, volunteers and all those who contributed to the successful story of the 37th Chess Olympiad in the heart of Piemonte – city of Turin.

Then the FIDE President addressed the delegates and reported on the activities of the work during the 4 years since the Bled General Assembly:

1. The President informed the delegates of the continuous cooperation with the International Olympic Committee in respect of the gradual inclusion of chess into the programmes of the regional and continental games under the IOC patronage. Chess as a medal sport, has featured in the SEA Games, Caribbean Games, All Africa Games and will for the first time be present in the Asian Games in December 2006 in Qatar. In 2005 FIDE has become a co-founder of the International Mind Games Association. This is a new structure which has its headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, and which comprises the Federations of Chess, Bridge, Go and Draughts with the aim to organize the World Mind Games every 4 years under the IOC patronage.
2. FIDE has established an honest and productive relationship with the Association of the Professional Chess players, which is now representing the interests of the majority of strong players. ACP members have already been included into the membership of several FIDE Committees and Commissions. Two of their nominees were among the participants of the World Cup in Khanty-Mansiysk.
3. World Champion and Women's World Champion have become members of the Presidential Board with voting rights. This will enable them to express their opinions directly as well as to participate in the decision-making process.
4. In 2004 the FIDE Secretariat was transferred from Lausanne to Athens, which enabled us to save around 250, 000 CHF annually. Besides this financial benefit, there is a geographically beneficial location of the office, between the three Continents, of Europe, Africa and Asia.
5. The effectiveness of the management has increased and as a result during the last 2 years, the amount of the sponsorship funds for the World Championships, World Cups and organisational budgets has exceeded USD 5 million.
6. With the financial assistance from FIDE, the Continental Championships have matured, allowing hundreds of players to participate in them with decent prize money and having a chance to qualify to the next stages of the World Championships. During the period the following World Championships were organised: World Championships in Tripoli (Libya) and San Luis (Argentina),

Women's World Championships in Elista and Ekaterinburg and World Cup in Khanty-Mansiysk (all Russia), World Team Championship in Beer Sheva (Israel). World Junior and Girls U-20 Championships were organised successfully on an annual basis. World Youth U-16 Olympiads and World School Championships received new impetus as well.

The World Youth Championships reached the scale of the Chess Olympiads in their organisation. This tournament is very popular both for the participants and the organisers. We have satisfied the requests from several countries and introduced a new age group – Under 8. However, at the same time, we have to note that the process of the organisers' selection should be carried out very carefully, in order to avoid situations similar to the one, which took place in 2005 in Belfort.

7. I would like to underline once again the growing interest in the organisation of FIDE events. The competition for hosting the 2010 Chess Olympiad is a good example of this. FIDE for the first time has received 6 good bids, and now we will have to consider 5 of them: Buenos Aires (Argentina), Riga (Latvia), Budva (Montenegro), Khanty-Mansiysk (Russia) and Poznan (Poland). It is very pleasing that Chess Olympiads have become financially stable.

FIDE has signed a contract with the Mexican organisers in respect of the 2007 World Chess Championship Tournament, which will be organised in Mexico City in September. The prize fund for this event increased by 30% and stipulates, without FIDE share, 1.3 mln USD. We should take advantage of this trend, for the sake of FIDE and National Federations, in order to obtain better conditions for the organisation of FIDE events, both in financial and competitive spheres

8. Today we are one step away from the real unification of the chess world. As everyone is aware, after lengthy and at stages difficult negotiations, we have signed the contracts for the match between V. Topalov and V. Kramnik, which will be taking place in Elista from 21 September to 13 October 2006.
9. Financial activities have progressed significantly. As you can see in the Congress documents, the reports prepared by the Treasurer and the External Auditors, show that the financial position of our Federation has become very sound. FIDE accounts have more than 800, 000 USD, around 400, 000 euro and 250, 000 CHF. Never in its history has FIDE been so secure. Of course, the transfer of the Secretariat from Lausanne to Athens has played its role in this process, as well as the tournament and rating, and title applications fees. I would like to praise the Treasurer for his very scrupulous work in this respect.
10. The FIDE Trainers' Committee has undertaken a lot of activities during this period. The FIDE Trainers' Academies function in Berlin, Singapore, Mexico and New Jersey. In the near future similar establishments will start to operate on the African Continent and other places. The structuralisation of trainers' work is very important for chess activists, those who teach chess and has practical importance for amateurs and chess professionals.
11. In order to support women's chess, it is proposed to organise the World Women's Team Championship, Women's Grand Prix and Women's World Cup. The preliminary negotiations give us hope that these tournaments will be very

interesting for sponsors and organisers.

12. Chess professionals are only the tip of the iceberg, though a very important part of the chess world. Children are also important as they start to learn chess basics. That is why the work of the Committee of Chess in Schools is one of the fundamental functions in FIDE. Many countries, such as Singapore, Russia, Greece, Turkey, USA, Spain etc have made considerable progress in this area. I would draw your attention to the experience of Venezuela where chess is introduced in the curriculum of all schools, where we have to acknowledge the personal contribution of Prof. Uvencio Blanco. I think that his experience has to be more actively propagated and introduced in other countries. FIDE should be actively helping in this.
13. CACDEC Committee work became more active. Its budget considerably increased to 140, 000 CHF. As you remember, when this Committee was created, its main task was to establish the system to provide those countries and parts of the world with the real needs, with the necessary equipment and literature, to organise the courses and seminars for the players and arbiters with the preparation of fundamental basis for chess development.
In many places, considerable progress has been made. On the other hand, the CACDEC list is still very long. We are planning to reform the Committee's activities. On one hand, we will increase the budget of CACDEC by other 50%, to reach 200, 000 CHF, on the other – we will change the principles of the work, to enable the countries which are on the CACDEC list, to leave it
14. Alongside new tournaments such as World School Individual and Teams, and World Senior, new titles were introduced – FIDE Trainer, FIDE Instructor and FIDE Organiser.
15. Continental Organisations, such as European Chess Union and others, received in many aspects, independence from FIDE, including the possibility to seek funds for their own needs.
16. The new system of the World Chess Championship following the example of San Luis, showed its relevant attractiveness for potential sponsors. The contract which was signed for the next Championship in Mexico is another vivid proof of this. Recently we heard that Khanty-Mansiysk had expressed its interest in the organisation of the World Cups of 2007 and 2009.
17. Of course, when we speak about our progress, we should not leave out our drawbacks and problems. I would not wish to touch upon the issues in respect of the electoral campaign; this will be discussed later in the Agenda. Nevertheless, I want to stress that we have to do a lot to improve the level of services in particular in FIDE management, Secretariat and Elista FIDE office, and my work. It is necessary to have a more detailed and clear FIDE Calendar, to make the official website more attractive and to make sure the Federations pay their arrears, while improving the range of our services. It is necessary to create a clear bidding procedure for FIDE events followed by rigorous inspections. Finally, to actively carry out the marketing and PR-activities

Dear delegates! At the end of my report I underline that all this time I have been working for the unity of FIDE, without dividing anyone into friends or enemies.

I have very often been criticised, sometimes unjustly. I have tried to do everything to develop FIDE, to develop chess in the whole world in the spirit of our motto – Gens Una Sumus – We are One Family.

2. Financial Report

2.1. Report of the Auditors.

General Assembly noted in **Annex 1** the Report of the FIDE External Auditors, Messrs Ernst & Young on the financial statement of FIDE for the period 1st January to 31st December 2005.

Mr. Jarrett invited questions on the financial documents. No questions were presented.

2.2. Treasurer David Jarrett to report.

General Assembly noted in **Annex 2** and **Annex 2A** the supplementary notes to the accounts. The Treasurer explained that he would not be presenting a budget in view of the impending election. Later in the meeting, it was agreed that the budget would be dealt with at the first Presidential Board meeting following the Congress.

2.3. Permanent Fund Report.

General Assembly noted in **Annex 3** the Report on the FIDE Permanent fund, by Permanent Fund's Administrator L. Brunner.

2.4. Report of Verification Commission.

It was noted that Mr. N. Freeman has left the Verification Commission due to his inclusion in the Presidential ticket of Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov.

Commission Chairman Lakhdar Mazouz presented his report (**Annex 4** and **Annex 59**).

General Assembly approved the report of the Verification Commission.

2.5. Discharge of the Treasurer.

Mr. N. Freeman expressed the satisfaction on behalf of both nominees for the Treasurer, Mr. Borg and himself, for the situation in which Mr. Jarrett has left the finances and thanked Mr. Jarrett for that.

General Assembly approved the Treasurer's report and discharged him from his obligations.

Section A: Elections.

3.1. Roll Call.

It was noted that 154 Federations were present at the meeting either physically or through proxies.

Mr. Omuku presented the report of the Committee to establish the legality of the meeting and said that they agreed on all matters regarding the legality of the meeting, except Bosnia and Herzegovina, Paraguay and Peru. He said that because of the need for the General Assembly to proceed it was agreed to disagree and asked that these 3 Federations would not be allowed to vote.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the Bosnian delegate had called his Federation to fax him the copy of the proxy, which he had used previously in the elections in the European continent and was even elected to the Executive Board of FIDE from Europe, using this document. He said that if the paper will be brought, and it would be a fax and not an email, whether the General Assembly would accept the fax?

Mr. Doyle requested why Peru and Paraguay would not be recognised on the same imperative. He said that in Peru the Ministry of Sport has acknowledged the representative who is present in Turin. He said that for Paraguay the objection came after the original deadline, so he proposed to accept Mr. Ingolotti as representative as well.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed to establish the legality of the meeting without the above-mentioned 3 Federations and then proceed with the discussion on them in the General Assembly.

General Assembly agreed.

Mr. Borg said that he cannot understand what is the problem with Peru. He said that in many Federations the Ministries of Sports remove the Presidents and then appoint somebody in interim.

Mr. Campomanes said that when the statements are contributed in the Assembly, there should be some kind of documentary support, not to be subject to some rumours. He said that he knows South America and it is possible to have several contenders for the administration of the Federation, however, any change must be documented, otherwise, it is merely hearsay.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed to discuss the cases of the 3 Federations one by one.

First the case of Bosnia and Herzegovina was discussed. Mr. Makropoulos said that the case is clear as they have a legal representative here. Assembly approved Bosnia and they were added to the list of the countries present at the Assembly.

Paraguay – Mr. Sand said that in Paraguay the situation is quite complicated with numerous court decisions and they had to be translated in English and new information is coming constantly. Mr. Sand said that Mr. Cardoso, former President of Paraguay and a FIDE Zone President, has a court decision against Mr. Ingolotti, however, the letter is not yet present, but he is on the way with the letter. Mr. Sand said that in case this letter arrives, in his opinion Mr. Ingolotti couldn't have a vote of Paraguay. If there is a proxy from the General Secretary from the Paraguay Chess Federation and the person is not in any legal constraint, then he can legally give the proxy. The Committee then should consider this proxy.

The proxy was examined and Mr. Vega confirmed the text of the proxy as valid. Mr. Sand said that the signature of General Secretary has to be listed according to the FIDE Directory, to finalise the verification process.

Peru – Mr. Sand said that the situation is even more complicated with more than a hundred pages of legal documents in Spanish with some unauthorised translations in English. He said that the Government has appointed the Transitory Body and a person to represent the Federation. He recalled in 1998, the Argentine had a similar problem when Mr. Juan Angel Mas was ousted. Then FIDE accepted GM Panno as official representative appointed by the Government. Mr. Sand said that there has been a precedent, when such a transitory person has been accepted.

Mr. Doyle repeated his motion based on the information received, to accept Peru and Paraguay, subject to the final confirmation of the actual signature.

Mr. Al Hitmi asked what about Sri Lanka.

Mr. Makropoulos said that for Bosnia and Herzegovina the situation was clear and the Committee proposed not to accept Peru and Paraguay. The General Assembly has to decide. He said that we have to reject these two Federations according to the proposal of the Committee. The Committee studied the situation for two hours.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed to vote first on his proposal to reject Peru and Paraguay, based on the proposal of the Committee.

Mr. Keyzer said that the proposal of the Committee was to reject three Federations.

Mr. Makropoulos said that for Bosnia where the case was clear, the Assembly has decided already that they are present.

Mr. Cardoso said that in the case of Peru we don't know what will be the court decision in Peru. And if we decide now to recognise one party and then the court in Peru will decide that the other party wins, then that vote is not valid. He proposed not to allow Peru to vote right now. Mr. Makropoulos seconded the proposal.

Ms. Claros said that I am a delegate from Peru. This is an international organisation which cannot go over the laws of my country where we have the transitional sports committee which has been carrying out investigation over 6 months and reorganising our Federation. She said that the gentleman who was President previously is being investigated on many aspects, which she did not want to mention, regarding ethics. Also, she said that this is a question of Peru, her country, and her country has appointed her and their laws must be observed. Mr. Urday was suspended because of his incorrect actions. She said that she cannot be told that she cannot vote as she is protected by law and has the papers to support her representation of Peru.

Mr. Urday said that it is important to mention a brief point. He said that a political intervention into the activities of the International Organisation should not be allowed, which has statutes prohibiting political intervention on the part from Peru. He said that the elections were held last June and FIDE was informed. He said that the transitional committee only has transitional power with regard to the sports activities in the country.

Mr. Campomanes said that very often the majority of the delegates do not know exactly what they vote for and proposed to clarify first the motion on the floor. He said that the motion as he understands, is whether to accept or not to accept the recommendation of the Committee.

Mr. Keyser said that he has to clarify the recommendation of the Committee.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the floor has to be asked.

Mr. Keyser said that the Committee did not want the Assembly to wait longer and there had been 3 difficult cases during the examination of the legality. He said that all these cases were linked together. All were documented. He said that after the Committee came to the Assembly hall, for two of these countries, Paraguay and Bosnia and Herzegovina, additional documents were received, clarified as proxies. The Committee clarified that the respective proxies were valid. He said that the discussion was stopped to allow the Assembly to reconvene and try to find a constructive solution to the situation. He said that the only question is now for Peru and said that the motion should be only to allow or not the representative of the Peru transitory committee vote on behalf of Peru.

Mr. Omuku said that it is important that the delegates clearly understand why there was a problem at the Committee with these 2 countries. He said that the matters were before the court and the Committee asked to be given the latest decisions of the court. The Committee felt there was no need to bring the argument before the Assembly and agreed that it is better not to allow both Federations to vote. It was clear that the Assembly has a right to decide which way to go. The issue that weighed heavily on their minds was that the matter was before the court.

Mr. Makropoulos said that both Ms. Claros and Mr. Urday were heard and the vote can take place. He said that the Assembly would vote with the roll call in favour or against Ms. Claros to vote on behalf of Peru.

Mr. Sand said that this is a serious vote and all serious votes require roll call.

President of the Philippines Chess Federation said that what if we vote and then the courts in Peru decide with finality that the other party is the one recognised.

Mr. Sand said that this doesn't necessarily change what we do in FIDE. What the court decides later in the country, is an internal issue and FIDE will respect the final outcome of the court when it is made. We have to deal with the situation now.

Various delegates spoke for and against a vote by roll call.

The FIDE President said he would also like to thank all who participated to the debate. But we are here to work. The committee has worked for two hours. We have heard a lot here. I agree with the Philippines' President about the court decision. We dealt with many court cases here. After a court has decided we have to follow this decision. I think that this issue has become too emotional. I would like to call all of you to be peaceful. I understand the pressure. You have all waited for a long time. Hungry people are not happy people. I urge you to settle the issue peacefully. I propose to allow the representatives of the General Assembly to vote in order to accept Bosnia Herzegovina, Peru and Paraguay proxy to Uruguay.

Mr. Makropoulos said that if the President makes this proposal, then we accept the Federations.

Mr. Omuku formerly announced that a total of 154 delegates and proxies were present. He said that a quorum is established and it ratifies all decisions previously taken. He said that the stage is set for the elections.

Mr. Cardoso said that I am a delegate of Paraguay and in the previous point the Paraguay Chess Federation was allowed to vote, but the question is who is the representative. He said that there is an injunction against Mr. Ingolotti and 90% of his Board, and they are left with one person. He said that the paper was given to Mr. Sand. Mr. Cardoso said that he is requesting the vote of Paraguay and said that the proxy received from Paraguay does not have the signature of any one else, as the President has an injunction.

Mr. Urday said that he thanked the meeting for allowing Peru to vote but said who is the person entitled to vote because the President is in Peru and he wanted to vote. He said that the actions should be pursuant to the act and he possesses all necessary documents in order to vote.

Ms Claros thanked also for allowing Peru to vote. She said that she is the person

who is appointed to vote and that Mr. Urday for 3 years was the President but is now suspended, and this is a fact and it is regrettable that things are invoked, which are not applicable here. With due respect, she said she has the documents which she brought from Peru, crediting the Transitional committee which entrusted her with a task of being a delegate. She said that she was in Turin since 26 of May and she could have been called for any clarifications of the documents. She said that now at the very last moment when the people are tired, the issue is being raised. She said that she spoken to some FIDE official and was regarded as FIDE delegate pursuant to the laws and regulations of her country.

Mr. Makropoulos said that both Peru and Paraguay have two representatives claiming that they have a right to vote.

Many speakers, including Mr. Vega (CRC), Mr. Palma (CHI), Mr. Ochoa (ESP), Mr. Avelles (PAN), Mr. Durao (POR), Mr. Ingolotti (PAR), Mr. Urday (PER), Mr. Cardoso (PAR), Mr. Makropoulos (GRE), Ms. Claros (PER), Mr. Buthali (BOT), Mr. Turdialiev (UZB) made additional points on the right of the different candidates to vote. However, after a very lengthy discussion, the FIDE President said that one hour ago a decision was taken to vote. Now that we are going into details, delegates are put in a difficult position. How to decide which of the delegates has the right to vote?

A wise motion comes from Chile proposing to allow the person to vote who was working for us for several years. Also, I accept the opinion of the Transition Committee about who has the right of vote. We respect the saying "Ladies First". We have to follow the court decision but also respect the principle of presumed innocence. We are not here to suspect anybody. This is not up to FIDE but it is up to the Court and the 77th FIDE Congress is not a Court. We are here to decide on chess business.

So far from solving these matters, in my opinion we are wasting time. I accept that there has been a mistake from FIDE Secretariat and FIDE Office, but this cannot be solved in one hour. So a Solomon decision has to be taken now for the sake of the Congress, to allow it to continue. As President I have my motion. I like both Peru and Paraguay representatives. I would like the support of all. I say let both of them vote while they are solving their problems. I understand that legally this is not correct but at the same time I urge you to take a peaceful decision. All congress is supporting you. It is hard to take a legal decision. You must understand my position; I have to ensure the work of the Congress continues. If you cannot find a solution how can we? Let's speak about chess issues not about legal issues. I would like to ask Mr Sand for advice.

Mr. Sand said that in the case of Paraguay, there is a valid proxy from the General Secretary and this should be accepted. So the discussion is over. Regarding Peru, there are two persons both claiming to be the correct representatives and the only way to vote is to accept one or the other.

Mr. Skripchenko said that he supported the proposal of the FIDE President. He said that if the two persons will not come to a mutual agreement by the end of voting,

the country will not vote. Why is the Assembly spending 4 hours to discuss this, if inside the Federation they did not manage to settle this during 4 years. He called the situation shameful.

Mr. Yazici said that he understands the loyalty and good faith of Mr. Skripchenko but asked if the FIDE lawyer checked the letter and if the proxy is valid. He said that he doesn't understand why we are still discussing Paraguay. Regarding Peru, he said that a roll call should be taken and he said that the President made a fantastic proposal and after this we should not go back and back again, and this is not very respectful for FIDE. He asked the President to keep the decision taken before lunch to allow them to vote and then to proceed with other votes.

Mr. Vega said that he agreed that a decision should be reached. He raised a very simple question if the Transitory Committee is recognised by the Olympic Committee of Peru. No reply has been received.

Ms. Claros said that she has documents where the Government recognises the Transitory Committee and she believes that this has to be brought to an end. She expressed the thanks to all supporters and said that she wants to have no problems in FIDE and for FIDE to have a clear conscience and if she is allowed to vote, she would be very grateful.

Mr. Makropoulos said that in his opinion, the only proposal that received the great majority of support, was the proposal of Mr. Skripchenko. He said that if we continue in this way, we will receive many papers, excluding the proxies etc, already existing. He said that the two people should decide. He said that even Mr. Doyle was applauding the proposal of Mr. Skripchenko. The two candidates for the vote have to agree who will vote, otherwise they cannot participate in the voting.

The Assembly approved the proposal of Mr. Skripchenko. The delegates from Peru and Paraguay would need to reach agreement amongst themselves regarding who will vote.

Mr. Cardoso said that in the motto of Gens Una Sumus, the legal trials should be left in his country.

Mr. Omuku said that the Palau Chess Federation sent a fax dated 2 of June 2006, 11 pm from Palau, saying that this authority is given to the Prospero, President of the Philippines Chess Federation, or their delegate Mr. Casto Abundo, to exercise the voting rights of the Palau Chess Federation in the general elections of FIDE, invalidating all previous proxies, including the one sent to Mr. Geoffrey Borg. The document was authorised by the Palau Chess Federation Chairman and signed by the Palau Chess Federation Secretary/Treasurer.

Mr. Omuku said that the number of Federations is still 154.

3.2. Appointment of the Scrutineers.

Ms. Carol Jarecki (IBV), Mr. A. Herbert (BAR), Mr. A. Ozolins (LAT) were appointed Scrutineers.

3.3. Election for the combined Presidential tickets of:

Mr. Bessel Kok made his presentation.

Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov made his presentation.

A roll call was made and then the General Assembly proceeded to vote by secret ballot on the Presidential tickets.

I Presidential ticket of Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov received 96 votes

- 1 President – Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov (RUS)
- 2 Deputy President – Mr. Georgios Makropoulos (GRE)
- 3 Vice President – Mr. Lewis Ncube (ZAM)
- 4 General Secretary – Mr. Ignatius Leong (SIN)
- 5 Treasurer – Mr. Nigel Freeman (BER)

I Presidential ticket of Mr. Bessel Kok received 54 votes

- 1 President – Mr. Bessel Kok (NED)
- 2 Deputy President – Mr. Ali Nihat Yazici (TUR)
- 3 Vice President – Mr. Julio Ingolotti (PAR)
- 4 General Secretary – Mr. Panupand Vijjuprabha (THA)
- 5 Treasurer – Mr. Geoffrey Borg (MLT)

There were two abstentions and one invalid vote. Therefore Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov was elected as President of FIDE for the next four years.

3.4. Elections for the Continental Presidents.

The following were elected at their respective Continental meetings.

Europe – Mr. Boris Kutin (SLO)

Americas – Mr. Jorge Vega (MEX)

Asia – Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifa al Nahayan (UAE)

Africa – Dabilani Buthali (BOT)

3.5. Nomination of the 3 Vice Presidents.

FIDE President nominated the following:

Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili (GEO)

Mr. Nizar Elhaj (LBA)
Mr. Khalifa Mohammed Al Hitmi (QAT)

3.6. Election of 3 additional Vice Presidents.

The following were elected:

Mr. Andrei Selivanov (RUS) 88 votes
Mr. William Kelleher (USA) 83 votes
Mr. Geoffrey Borg (MLT) 80 votes

Not elected: Mr. Ali-Nihat Yazici (TUR) – 77 votes, Dr. Peter Rajscanyi (HUN) – 57 votes, Mr. Maddahi Mahammad Ebrahim – 25 votes.

3.7. Election of the FIDE Auditor, Verification Commission members.

The following were elected:

Ms. Beatriz Marinello (USA) – member – 97 votes
Mr. Lakhdar Mazouz (GER) – FIDE Auditor - 91 votes
Mr. Torstein Bae (NOR) – member – 91 votes

Not elected: Mr. Nouredine Tabbane (TUN) – 56 votes, Mr. Peter Wilson (ENG) – 47 votes.

3.8. Election of the Chairman of the Ethics Commission and the Commission members.

Mr. Roberto Rivello (ITA) – Chairman
Members: Ralph Alt (GER)
Robert Tanner (USA)
Dirk De Ridder (BEL)
Laurence Ball (RSA)
Ian Wilkinson (JAM)
Nouredine Tabbane (TUN)

3.9 Election of the Constitutional Committee members.

Messrs. R. Rivello (ITA), C. Abundo (PHI).

3.10 Appointment of the FIDE Executive Director.

The FIDE President informed the General Assembly that he appointed Mr. Jarrett as Executive Director. He will move from England to Athens.

Mr Makropoulos said that Mr Jarrett is a very hard worker. He is the right

person to run the office in Athens. He said that he thinks things will improve with his help.

Mr Jarrett said that he would do his best. He thanked the President for his confidence. He said he would endeavour to improve the service to Federations.

4. Affiliations and Exclusions.

4.1. Affiliations.

4.1.1. ACP.

Mr. Makropoulos informed the General Assembly that the Association of the Professional Chess Players had initially made an application for membership as an affiliated organization. However, they now withdraw their application for the time being, see **Annex 38**.

4.1.2. Ibero-American Chess Federation.

General Assembly noted the letter from FIBDA (Ibero-American Chess Federation) with a request to be an affiliated organisation to FIDE (**Annex 5**).

Mr. Ochoa said that Spain is in favour of this application. It is very good to create this cultural link through this new organisation.

General Assembly approved the application of the Ibero-American Chess Federation for affiliation to FIDE.

4.1.3 The issue of Northern Ireland.

Mr Hamers said that he had a question. During the Executive Board meeting an application was distributed from Ulster Federation. They asked to be members of FIDE. He asked about the current status of their application.

Mr Makropoulos said that the application was received. The Secretariat stopped it. In our statutes it is stated that there should be one Federation per country. Great Britain is the only exception. Scotland, Wales, Jersey and Guernsey were admitted before the Statutes were changed. We decided not to open membership to more than one federation per country. If we open to Ulster then we will have to start the discussion for other countries like Russia or US. If the General Assembly decides to have a discussion we should decide whether to open to all countries that apply. Otherwise we should stop this discussion. In any case it is not in the agenda.

Northern Ireland Representative said that there are a number of issues in favour of acceptance of his federation. He would like to speak to the General Assembly on behalf of his country.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is a member of the United Nations. He applied as member in January or February and two weeks ago received an e-mail from Mr. Leong saying he wanted to include this in the Agenda.

Mr. Makropoulos said that we are not opening the discussion now but in the next Executive Board we can decide whether to create rules for accepting other federations.

Mr. Hamers said he agreed that it can be discussed in the Executive Board.

Mr Makropoulos – I would like to underline we have to discuss this issue in general. If we had to discuss cases one by one, this would be impossible.

Section B: Administrative matters.

5.1. Proposed changes in the FIDE Statutes.

5.1.1. Seat of FIDE

The seat of FIDE shall be in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The Secretariat is in Athens, Greece. A decision to change the Secretariat or any branch offices, or to create any branch office, may be taken by the Presidential Board.

General Assembly approved the change in the FIDE Statutes.

5.1.2. Proposal of the Maltese Chess Federation.

General Assembly confirmed the decision of the Executive Board to reject the proposal of the Maltese Chess Federation regarding the election term of the FIDE President.

5.1.3. Confirmation of the Dresden Congress decision regarding World Champions.

General Assembly confirmed the decision of the Dresden Executive Board to include current World Champion and current Women's World Champion into the Presidential Board.

Mr. Makropoulos said that we need the expertise of World Champions and also for the statistics reports to the IOC, especially regarding female representation. So this proposal covers partly the requirements of the IOC and also improves the relationship with the players and the ACP.

5.2. Approval by the General Assembly of financial regulations passed in the Dresden Executive Board 2005.

Treasurer D. Jarrett said that last year a number of financial regulations were approved. He said that it was in respect of change of accounts from dollars to euros and some fees. He said that there is need for General Assembly approval.

The General Assembly approved the Dresden Executive Board decision.

5.3. Reconsideration of the Dresden proposal regarding Olympiad bids and procedure.

Deputy President G. Makropoulos said that in Dresden it was decided that when there are a large number of bidders, the Presidential Board can limit the final number to 3 for consideration by the General Assembly. The Presidential Board in Al Ain in April 2006 faced a problem that all the proposals were very good. It was decided to allow all the bidders to come to Turin General Assembly and make their presentations for the delegates to decide on the 2010 Chess Olympiad venue. He said that the Board thinks that the Dresden decision has to be reconsidered and maybe the Presidential Board should not have the right to stop some of the bids, especially as we know that until the day of General Assembly all the Organisers work very hard to improve their proposals. It is better to allow all the bidders to come to General Assembly.

Mr. Boris Kutin disagreed with Mr. Makropoulos and said that the Presidential Board should limit the bidders because it is not up to the General Assembly to decide from 5 or 6 or even more excellent offers. This time there was a short period for consideration of the bids and the decision of the Presidential Board was for all to come to Turin. He proposed that we should create a precise timetable and formulate proceedings in a very correct way.

Mr. Lakhdar Mazouz said that he agreed with Mr. Kutin.

Mr. Makropoulos said that all the bidders applied within a deadline. He gave an example, where Greece, Russia, Georgia might come forward with a proposal and then we have further additional 4 bids. He said that the Presidential Board should not have the right to decide especially if some Board members are from the bidding Federations. Members of the Board might be presumed to be influenced by the relations they have with people.

He said that in Al Ain it was decided that all bidders would be allowed to be present in Turin in order to quell the rumours that some Presidential Board members could influence the selection process. He said that if we allow all bidders it is not an easy task, but it will protect the Presidential Board. The task is to prepare the documents carefully for the General Assembly.

Mr. Morten Sand said that some of the very good candidates could not be taken out one month before the elections. He also said that good bidders should not feel that they were subject to some political campaign. We should improve the contracts with

the bidders, to sign Memorandums of Understanding and secure the bids properly. The point is that today in Turin we are having 6 serious bidders and this is unexpected. We should be careful about the procedure.

Mr. Peter Rajscanyi said that there should be presentations during the General Assembly for the delegates, but the presentation time should be limited.

Mr. Makropoulos said this would be ensured.

Mr. Hamid Majid said that the large number of bidders is good for chess and FIDE.

Mr. Jorge Vega said that here we speak about democracy, and the process in the General Assembly to decide on the venue is the best, as we will have the opinions of all the delegates and not only the Presidential Board members.

Mr. Geoffrey Borg said he concerned about the decision of Dresden. He said that in the minutes of Dresden there is not any specific mention and those who were not present in Dresden couldn't understand this decision.

He said that the Handbook said that all the bids should go to the General Assembly.

General Assembly agreed to amend the Dresden decision. In future, all Olympiad bids received in time would be placed before the General Assembly.

5.4. Proposal of the German Chess Federation regarding the restructuring of the Committees and Commissions.

Executive Board noted the proposal of the German Chess Federation in **Annex 8**.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed to create a Committee after the elections to study the proposal and present it in full to the 2007 Congress.

Mr. Jarrett informed the General Assembly that Mr. Horst Metzger of the German Chess Federation is satisfied with this development and he would be happy to be in this Committee.

General Assembly approved the proposal of Mr. Makropoulos.

5.5. The FIDE Secretariat in Athens and the FIDE Office in Elista.

Vice President Morten Sand informed the General Assembly that we have 3 employees in Athens and 8 employees in Elista on regular contracts, 2 employees in Elista with short-term contracts and 1 trainee.

He said that the Elista office is working mainly with technical issues, website, directory, titles and ratings. For example, here in Turin the technical staff is operating the electronic boards.

He thanked the FIDE employees for the excellent work and proposed to give them a round of applause.

Mr. Freeman said that the rating department has to be thanked separately for their excellent work.

Section C: Ethics Commission.

6. Commission Chairman W. Kelleher presented his report (**Annex 56**).

Mr. Kelleher said that the number of cases for the Ethics Commission has increased. Some of the cases have financial implications for FIDE, especially when there is a decision against an individual and he can appeal this decision in the Court of Arbitration for Sports in Lausanne. This costs FIDE money even if the case does not eventually proceed.

Mr. Kelleher said that the M. Shvarts case was a victory for FIDE but it cost FIDE 10.000 euros in legal fees.

Further to the number of cases and their importance for FIDE he recommended to increase the number of the Commission's members and stressed a need for 1 or 2 members with legal experience, otherwise there would not be a proper standard and it would be to the detriment of FIDE.

General Assembly approved the report of the Ethics Commission.

Section D: Technical Commission

7. Commission Chairman Werner Stubenvoll presented his report in **Annex 57**.

Mr. Stubenvoll said that the final decision regarding the Silver clock should be taken at the next Presidential Board. He said that there is also a new Saitek clock and Mephisto clock as well, and 3 testers should be appointed.

General Assembly approved the list of the proposed testers for the electronic clocks.

Mr. Stubenvoll said that the Technical Commission decided not to allow the use of any kind of move counters in any FIDE events. From 1 January 2008 all chess clocks producers should ensure that this move counter could be disabled.

Mr. Stubenvoll said that King size should be about 9.5 cm and not exactly 9.5 cm.

General Assembly referred the final recommendation of the Technical Commission regarding the Silver clock to the next Presidential Board.

General Assembly approved the report of the Technical Commission.

8. Rules and Tournaments Regulations Committee.

General Assembly referred the report to the next Presidential Board.

9. Swiss Pairings Committee.

Swiss Pairings Committee Chairman Christian Krause presented his report in **Annex 52**. He said that the program Forlano is the first Dubov for Windows. The decision is to discuss and to look at the accelerated Swiss system and to look at the fractional pairings system and to divide the tournament in more than 2 groups, which might give better results.

The manual changes were discussed and no changes will be allowed to original pairings. There were some documents regarding existing Swiss systems without tournaments attached, so it was requested to attach such tournaments as examples.

Mr. Gary Bekker criticised the system as too complicated and asked for better wording. He was requested to draft this by the Committee. After this is done, the final draft will be forwarded to Mr. Geurt Gijssen.

Dutch Swiss pairings – minor change of ranking of titleholders in case they have equal ranking points according to their titles. Another change – unplayed win is considered as down float for the next pairings.

Mr. Krause said that the answer to the question of Mr. De Ridder is about the Swiss pairings. There are tournaments for FIDE and there are opens in the lower sections, fun tournaments etc. The points in the lower groups maybe more for fun and not for ratings. But the pairings are not changed.

General Assembly approved the report of the Swiss Pairings Committee.

Section E : Qualification Commission.

10. Qualification Commission Chairman Mikko Markkula presented his report in Annex 60.

He said that he always starts his reports by thanking the staff from Elista who work very well with great effectiveness and also Messrs. De Ridder and Nikolopoulos.

He said however that documents received from the Federations are poor and they are far from what they should be, however they are better than 5 years ago. Some regulations in some Federations are not known and then the Federations protest against a certain title award, as the player did not fulfil some internal regulations.

He proposed that IA title should be awarded only after a seminar and an exam by the Arbiters' Council are held.

Mr. Markkula said that he had collected the changes after 1998 and all FIDE Minutes from 1949 onwards and he tried to get a history in changes in the QC matters. There will be a new version of Regulations available in 2008 and maybe a seminar will be held 2 days before the next Congress.

General Assembly approved the report of the Qualification Commission.

11. Titles and Ratings Committee.

Committee Chairman Dirk De Ridder presented his report in **Annex 44** and **Appendix**.

Mr. De Ridder said that the form prepared by Mr. Krause will be used from 1 January 2007 and all tournaments should be sent in this form for rating purposes.

From 1 July 2006 it will be possible to pre-register round robin tournaments and matches directly on the FIDE website. Mr. Abundo prepared a special form to this end.

The proposal of Mr. Abundo was discussed regarding FIDE ID for National Federations for a price of 10 euro. The proposal was rejected. From 1 July 2006 there will be an access for each Federation with a password etc, for their purposes.

Title Applications were discussed. Mr. De Ridder said he also appreciated the work by the Elista staff and they do a lot of work regarding the summaries for the Title Applications.

Mr. De Ridder mentioned the increase of Q factor. He agreed with Mr. Markkula regarding the seminar next year.

Mr. De Ridder also informed that a new flag would be introduced, E flag – for expelled players.

Mr. De Ridder proposed to have a separate meeting with Mr. Sand on this point.

Regarding the letter from the Armenian Chess Federation in **Annex 13**, the General Assembly resolved that the FIDE President will take a final decision following the refusal of the Azerbaijan Chess Federation to have a meeting with the representatives of FIDE and the Armenian Chess Federation, voiced by its President,

Ms. A. Sofieva.

Ms. Sofieva said that the illegal actions by the Armenian Chess Federation have to be stopped and the Azerbaijan Chess Federation is against any kind of meeting in this respect.

General Assembly approved the report of the Titles and Ratings Committee.

12. Arbiters' Council.

Arbiters' Council Chairman Panagiotis Nikolopoulos presented his report in **Annex 55**.

Mr. Nikolopoulos said that the Minutes include all the titles and all the proposals re FIDE Arbiter and International Arbiter titles. There is also a draft of the regulations regarding training of the Arbiters, following the decision in Dresden. The draft will be distributed to all Federations for their comments. And the next Congress will approve the final text. The Arbiters' Council submits the list of the proposed Lecturers who are entitled to hold seminars for the approval by General Assembly, which consists of 19 Arbiters who are very experienced in this field.

General Assembly approved the report of the Arbiters' Council.

Section F: World Chess Championship Committee.

13. Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos informed the General Assembly that there have been several meetings with the ACP and several of their proposals were accepted concerning various regulations. Many of the following points are based on these discussions and respective decisions of the Presidential Board.

He said that FIDE Executive Board recommended these proposals for General Assembly's approval.

13.1. Zonal Tournaments

The FIDE Presidential Board decided in Al Ain that the organisation of zonal tournaments, as qualifiers for the World Championship, is an internal matter of the Continents.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the Continent decides on whether to hold zonal tournaments, and not General Assembly. The ACP proposed that we should waive Zonal tournaments as in some Continents the players can obtain qualifications in 2 ways, through zonals and continental championships. With the exception of Europe, all other Continents are in favour of having zonal tournaments. He said that the General Assembly just approves the decision of the Continent and makes necessary changes in WCC regulations.

Restructuring of the zones is a different issue, and the situation has changed in the last 20 years and it is not fair that one country has its own zone and other countries have to fight in their zone with other strong Federations.

The newly elected Continental Presidents will study this proposal together with the WCCC members regarding the arguments and thinking and will then come forward with a unified proposal.

Mr. Kelleher proposed that the Committee membership should be approved at the next FIDE Presidential Board meeting.

General Assembly approved.

13.2. Time Control

The FIDE Presidential Board accepted the proposal of ACP for a single time control for all major FIDE events: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

The list of FIDE events where this single time control will be used:

- Chess Olympiads
- World Team Championships
- Continental Team Championships
- World Cup
- Continental Championships
- Zonal Tournaments
- World Youth & Junior Championships
- Continental Youth & Junior Championships
- World School Championships
- Continental Club Championships

Regarding the proposal of the ACP for the single time control, Mr. Makropoulos said that Candidates Matches and World Championship Tournament are not included in the above list, as in these tournaments a 7 hours time control is used.

Mr. Makropoulos also said that the ACP has not made a thorough research and proposed to distribute the new questionnaire to all participants of the Olympiad in the last round. He proposed that the Presidential Board has to make the final decision.

Mr. Azmaiparashvili commented that it is very difficult to undertake such a research.

13.3. Candidates Matches

The ACP proposes to abolish the Candidates Matches if they create a serious threat to the stability of the whole World Chess Championship Cycle.

Based on the experience of the current cycle, the FIDE Presidential Board should examine the current regulations of the World Championship in co-operation with ACP and the top players.

Mr. Makropoulos said that there is a problem to find Organisers for the Candidates Matches. He also said that there are no bids for these Matches so far. He said that we should have at least a few Candidate matches, as the prize fund and the organizing budget is not so big. He said that the elections might have had a negative effect on this bidding procedure and expressed the hope after the elections the situation will improve.

He said that the Federations, which are supposed to organise these Candidates Matches, are well known and very active and we will see the real situation soon.

13.4. Regulations for the World Championship Cycle 2005-2007

Annex 15 is the World Championship regulations. The ACP suggests including the following paragraph in the regulations:

“Only the FIDE Presidential Board at the request of the World Chess Championship Committee and after consultations with the ACP Board is entitled to make changes in the Regulations of the World Chess Championship Cycle.”

Mr. Makropoulos said that the Presidential Board accepted the proposal of ACP.

In respect of the proposal of the Singapore Chess Federation in **Annex 16** regarding the allocation of qualifying places re World Cup and Women's World Championship, Mr. Makropoulos said that there should be a study, if this proposal is endorsed, whether this is a working proposal or not. He opined that this proposal can only be used as a basis, as a test, and if we see good results, then we shall propose to the General Assembly for the final approval. Otherwise, it might harm the Continents as they might lose places in the Championship.

13.5. Women's World Chess Championships.

Annex 17 is the regulations for the Women's World Chess Championships.

Mr. Makropoulos said that there would be a day after each round for tiebreaks, for the future Championships.

General Assembly approved the report of the World Chess Championship Committee and all the proposals except that the Singapore proposal was

referred to a study to ascertain whether it is workable.

Section G: Chess Events Commission.

14. Due to the absence of the Chairman Steve Doyle, the meeting did not take place.

15. Organizers Committee.

Committee Chairman Stewart Reuben presented his report in **Annex 46**.

General Assembly approved the report of the Organisers' Committee.

16. Youth and Junior Events Committee.

The report was noted in **Annex 45**.

Mr. Leong proposed to organise the 2008 World School Individual Championship in Singapore.

General Assembly approved the report of the Youth and Junior Events Committee.

Section H: Development Commission.

17. Commission Chairman Ignatius Leong presented his report in **Annex 58**.

Mr. Leong said that the Commission should have a separate budget to help the countries which are not yet members of FIDE and to deal with other aspects in terms of coaching, chess in schools, arbiters and administration.

Mr. Leong also stepped down as the Chairman and thanked everybody for their cooperation.

General Assembly approved the report of the Development Commission subject to a new budget.

18. CACDEC.

General Assembly noted the report in **Annex 50**.

Mr. Gelfer stepped down from Co-Chairman and said that he thanked everybody who had helped CACDEC during 24 years of his being in the Committee as a member and 16 years as Chairman and proposed Mr. Allan Herbert to be nominated as Chairman of the Committee.

General Assembly approved the report of CACDEC.

19. Committee on Chess in Schools.

General Assembly noted the report in **Annex 54** together with the proposal of Mr. Yazici for FIDE to cover the airfare of the CACDEC Federations officials to come to Antalya during the Meeting of the Education Ministers, in November 2007.

General Assembly approved the report of the Chess in Schools Committee subject to the final proposal on the budget discussion.

20. Committee on Women's Chess.

In the absence of the Committee Co-Chairmen Xie Jun and Kamen Toshkov, Mr. Leong chaired the meeting and presented the report in **Annex 47**. He said that the proposals would be passed to the WCCC.

New Chairperson was elected at this meeting Mrs. H. Reimova from Turkmenistan.

Mr. Selivanov proposed to organise World Women's Teams Championship. He also said that if this proposal is approved, then the Russian Chess Federation is ready to come forward with a bid.

He said that the reasoning for this event is to avoid the situation when one country could be represented by two teams in the same World Teams Championship, as happened last year with China.

Mr. Filipowicz supported the proposal.

General Assembly approved the report of the Committee on Women's Chess. A change in the regulations of the World Teams Championship will be needed as Women's Team would not participate by right in future, as the women would have their own competition.

21. Committee on Chess for the Disabled.

Chairman of the Committee on Chess for the Disabled Gerry Walsh presented his report in **Annex 43**.

Mr. Walsh said that this is the first time all the disabled groups are participating in the Olympiad. He thanked Mr. Leong for his proposed budget of 5, 000 euro so that the groups have some pocket money.

General Assembly approved the report of Committee on Chess for the Disabled.

22. Committee on International Organizations.

No report was presented.

23. Trainers' Committee.

Committee Chairman Yuri Razuvaev presented his report in **Annex 61**.

He said that the Committee wants to propose some changes, including the introduction of a licence for the Olympiad team captain.

The Assembly rejected the proposal, following the discussion, with the participation of several Federations, e.g. Cuba, Tajikistan, Russia, Austria, and with Messrs. Jungwirth, Garcia Martinez, Selivanov, Makropoulos, Leong.

Mr. Leong said that all the Academies have to have the common syllabus.

Mr. Garcia was tasked to prepare a study on the issue of the Chess Academy concept.

Mr. Makropoulos said that each Chess Academy has to follow certain rules and a Committee should be set up to create such rules.

Mr. Razuvaev said that an official programme has to exist for each Chess Academy.

Tajikistan has requested the trainers for the children.

General Assembly approved the proposal of the Trainers' Committee to open a Chess Academy in Moscow, financed by the Russian Chess Federation.

The Committee also proposed to re-open the nomination for the Senior Trainer titles for 6 months period.

Section I: Special Commission.

24. No meeting was held.

25. Chess Information, Publication and Statistics.

Committee Chairman Alexander Roshal presented his report in **Annex 53**.

General Assembly approved the report of CHIPS.

26. Chess Art, Philately and Exhibition Committee.

In the absence of the Committee Chairman Lothar Schmid, Mr. David Jarrett presented the report in **Annex 48**.

General Assembly approved the report of the Chess Art, Philately and Exhibition Committee.

27. Computer Chess Committee.

The report was presented in **Annex 51**.

28. International Committee of Silent Chess (ICSC).

The report is in **Annex 43**.

29. International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF).

ICCF Honorary President, Alan Borwell said that he would like to add a few comments to the written report of ICCF President Med Samraoui (Annex 68) There had been a gradual move from postal to email and now to webserver CC, which was much in favour. He encouraged OTB players to experience the opportunity which ICCF offered, through its varied programme. The use of the webserver facility eliminates faults of both postal and email CC ie time disputes or invalid moves. ICCF is ready for a joint venture with FIDE for running events on its webserver, which was an ideal mechanism for arranging schools tournaments across the World.OTB and Correspondence Chess should never be in conflict, but complementary, like their mottos Gens una sumus and Amici Sumus.

30. Permanent Commission for Chess Composition.

Annex 19 is the Minutes from the 48th Meeting of PCCC in Eretria, Greece, 3rd–10th September 2005.

Mr. Selivanov said that 1st European Championship last year was organised in Poland. Also, 1st Junior European Championship. He also said that in the past only the World Championship was held.

Mr. Selivanov requested the support of the delegates to help the Chess Composition activists if they want to participate in PCCC events. This is to enlarge the participation, as usually only 30 countries are represented in the World Events although many FIDE member Federations have well developed programmes for Chess Composition.

General Assembly approved the report of the Permanent Commission for Chess Composition.

Section J: FIDE Medical Commission.

31 In the absence of Chairperson Dr. Jana Bellin, Mr. Jarrett presented the report in **Annex 42** as well as the Appendix.

He said that 3 persons, namely Mr. K. Deventer (GER), Mr. J. Speelman (ENG) and Mr. G. Vescovi (BRA), together with the Medical Commission list, would form a hearing panel.

General Assembly approved the report of the Medical Commission.

Section K: FIDE meetings, Tournaments and Matches

32. **Annex 20** is the Proposal of the Singapore Chess Federation re scheduling of FIDE and Continental Competitions.

General Assembly approved the proposal of the Singapore Chess Federation.

33. Presidential Board.

33.1. Presidential Board 3rd quarter 2006.

The meeting shall take place during the World Chess Championship match Topalov vs. Kramnik, in Elista, Kalmykia, Russia, 21 September – 13 October 2006.

33.2. Presidential Board 4th quarter 2006.

FIDE is inviting bids for this event.

33.3. Presidential Board 1st quarter 2007.

The US Chess Federation proposes to organise the meeting in New Jersey, 19-21 February 2007. The details to be worked out by Messrs. Freeman, Jarrett and the USCF.

33.4. Presidential Board 2nd quarter 2007.

The Iranian Chess Federation proposes to organise the meeting in Tehran The details to be worked out by Messrs. Freeman, Jarrett and the Iranian Chess Federation.

33.5. Presidential Board 3rd quarter 2007.

The meeting shall take place in Mexico City, Mexico, during the World Chess Championship Tournament, September-October 2007.

33.6. Presidential Board 4th quarter 2007.

Should it be necessary, the meeting shall be held in Antalya, Turkey, during the 78th FIDE Congress.

34. 77th FIDE Congress 2006 and 37th Olympiad 2006.

The events are currently being held in Turin.

Mr. Chaudhry said that they had a problem with the embassy. I was upset. Players could not get their visa. Financially they lost, mentally they lost. Every day they got a different answer. He talked with the ambassador and after eight days of negotiations this was resolved. This sport is not at high level in his country and they are not in such a good financial position to lose all this money in expenditures. He does not want to blame anyone but he is asking as a member of the General Assembly on behalf of Pakistan as he hopes next time in Germany this will not happen. He is also asking to have their financial losses compensated.

Mr. Gelfer – We know the situation when dealing with these events. FIDE is not responsible for the political situation in the world. In the Court of Lausanne with the action by Mr Milov, FIDE was held not to be responsible in such cases.

But we talk to organisers and try to take all measures. Some ambassadors are different. In future we will prepare special papers, special letters addressed to ambassadors and I hope this will not be repeated.

For Pakistan, I propose to the General Assembly to solve the financial issue. FIDE should find a way to assist them

Mr. Makropoulos – I agree with Mr Gelfer. You all know the system in Europe. It is all up to Brussels. If Brussels say no it is no. I am sure we will have the same problem in Germany. It is possible that some participants will not get their visa. If the organisers have relations with the embassies we can avoid these problems, otherwise we have to face it. There should be cooperation between organisers, ministers and participants. Participants should apply for their visa in time. I am not talking about Pakistan, they have moved in time, at least two month before.

Mr. Chaudhry: There is also the matter of the extra night's accommodation.

Mr Gelfer – I spoke to Mr Cordara and he told me he did not receive any request from them to stay more. Now he is arranging cheap hotels but they have to pay for it and teams have to move. The price for the accommodation will be more or less the same as in the Village. They will have to pay about 45 Euro.

Ms Margaret Murphy – We informed the organisation we leave on the 6th and they told us we could stay until the 5th only. The only option they offered us was a costly hotel and the price is not 45 Euro. And we told them before we arrived. There are no flights on the 5th, that is why we have to stay longer.

Representative from Pakistan – We requested the same, one night more, and

we were told this was a problem.

Mr. Makropoulos – Maybe Mr Cordara is telling a story. If the price of the hotel is different than the village, many federations have the same problem.

Representative from Pakistan – 160 people are leaving on the 6th.

Mr. Freeman – It is usual for people to travel at different times. We were also told we will have no transportation from these hotels to the airport, but that should be included.

Mr. Gelfer – I had a meeting with the organisers. They told me the transportation is included within the price of 45 euros.

Mr. Makropoulos – The organisers cannot do what they want and we do expect an answer from them. Maybe we can raise this issue during the Closing Ceremony. I think they will not be happy.

34.1. 78th FIDE Congress 2007.

The Turkish Chess Federation shall organise the event in Antalya from 22 to 29 November 2007 concurrent with the World Youth Championships 2007.

34.2. 79th FIDE Congress 2006 and 38th Chess Olympiad 2008.

The German Chess Federation shall organise the event in Dresden in November 2008.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the previous night he spoke with the organisers. They confirmed the preparation is going well. The hotel opened 15 days ago. They asked to have a short presentation.

34.3. 80th FIDE Congress 2009.

The ASEAN Chess Academy shall organise the event in Singapore in June 2009.

Mr. Leong confirmed and said that if they will organise the World Youth Championships 2009, then the Congress will take place in August 2009.

34.4. 81st FIDE Congress/General Assembly 2010.

The event will be organised in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, in September 2010.

35. World Championship Match 2006 Topalov-Kramnik.

The event shall be held in Elista, Kalmykia, Russia from 21 September to 13

October 2006 with a prize fund of USD 1, 000, 000. FIDE share is 20% on top of this amount plus organisational budget. The contract is signed. The first payment has been made to FIDE.

Annex 21 is the Match Regulations.

The contracts were signed with the players, and the players received the advance payments from FIDE.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the FIDE President has kept his word to unite the chess world.

Mr Makropoulos – The players have already received 200.000 USD as an advance payment. The winner will participate to the World Championship Tournament in Mexico.

FIDE President said that everybody is welcome to Elista.

36. Candidates Matches 2006.

Deputy President G. Makropoulos informed the Board that the winners of the World Cup and some top rated players will participate. He repeated that some Federations did not want to present their bids due to the elections.

Mr. Makropoulos – I think now, after the election, the problem will be solved. I asked the federations to be active. It is not possible that strong federations cannot propose to organise an event costing only, 40.000 USD, or even less. I hope the federations will help us. If there are no bids, then we have to accept the proposal of the ACP to cancel these matches, for the future.

37. World Chess Championship Tournament 2007.

The event will be organised in Mexico City, in September-October, 2007.

Deputy President G. Makropoulos informed the Board that the contract is signed, the prize is 1, 300, 000 USD with the FIDE share of 20% above this. The guarantee of 160, 000 USD has been paid. There is an increase of the prize fund from the previous event in Argentina.

38. World Juniors and Girls Championships 2006.

The Armenian Chess Federation will organise the event in Yerevan from 2 to 17 October 2006.

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40. World Junior and Girls Championships 2008.

FIDE is inviting bids for this event. The announcement shall be published on the FIDE website with the deadline of 31st December 2006.

41. World Youth Championships 2006.

The Georgian Chess Federation will organise the event in Batumi, 18 to 29 October 2006.

Mr. Azmaiparashvili informed of the airport reconstruction and new roads, to facilitate the access to Batumi.

Annex 65 is the Regulations for the event.

42. World Youth Championships 2007.

The Turkish Chess Federation will organise the event in Antalya, from 17 to 29 November 2007.

43. World Youth Championships 2008.

The ASEAN Chess Federation will organise this event in Ho Chi Minh City, from 1 to 12 September 2008.

Mr. Leong confirmed.

44. World Youth Championships 2009.

FIDE is inviting bids for this event by 31 December 2006.

Annex 41 and **Annex 41A** are the bids from Argentina and Singapore.

Mr Makropoulos – **Annexes 41 and 41A** are two bids from Argentina and Singapore. The Executive Board recommended to accept the deadline.

Mr Barrera – Argentina's proposal is Mar de Plata. The hotel is excellent. I think this will be a consolation after losing the Olympiad.

General Assembly confirmed the bids deadline as for 31st December 2006.

The winner will be announced at the Presidential Board, 1st quarter 2007.

45. World Seniors Championships 2006.

The Italian Chess Federation will organise the event in Arvier in September 2006.

General Assembly approved FIDE inspections for the World Senior Championships.

46. World Seniors Championships 2007.

The Austrian Chess Federation will organize the event in Gmunden from 16 to 29 September 2007.

Professor Jungwirth said that it is a nice tourist place in the centre of Austria. It is close to the airport of Salzburg.

47. World Seniors Championship 2008.

Annex 22 is the bid from the German Chess Federation, to hold the event in Bad Zwischenahn, from 9 to 23 November 2008.

Mr Gelfer – This overlaps with the dates of Dresden. Will this be a problem that WSC will take place in the middle of the Olympiad?

Mr. Schliya said – No problem.

48. World Amateur Championship 2006.

The Libyan Chess Federation will organise the event in November 2006 in Tripoli.

Mr Makropoulos – The organisation was given to South Africa subject to confirmation but we did not receive any communication from them so it was given to Libya. The South African federation were under the impression that they were hosting the event. A compromise was found. Libya will hold this event in November and South Africa will host the Intercontinental Amateur Championship in five weeks time.

Mr. Ball said that the South African Federation will organise the Intercontinental Amateur Championship 2006 instead, following the agreement reached with the Libyan Chess Federation.

The General Assembly approved this agreement.

49. World Amateur Championship 2007.

FIDE is inviting bids for this event by 31st December 2006.

50. World Team Championship 2005.

Annex 23 is the proposal regarding the standings in the World Team Championships, using match points.

Annex 24 is the proposal of the Russian Chess Federation regarding the composition of the teams for the event.

There is a problem with the time break system. Mr Burstein had prepared a proposal.

The proposal to be discussed at the FIDE Presidential Board in September 2006.

51. World Team Championship 2009.

FIDE is inviting bids for this event.

The bidding procedure shall start in 2007 with the deadline of 31st December 2007.

52. 2006 World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad.

Turkish Chess Federation will organise the event in Dogubeyazit, Agri, Turkey, from 5 to 13 August 2006

53. 2007 World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad.

The Singapore Chess Federation will organize the event in Singapore from 4 to 12 August 2007.

54. 2008 World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad.

FIDE is inviting bids for this event by 31st December 2006.

Mr Kelleher – the US Chess Federation is considering bidding for this event and will notify by the deadline.

55. World Schools Championship 2006.

Mr Makropoulos – In **Annex 25** there is a proposal from Greece to organise the next event in 2007.

Mr Tsorbatzoglou, the Organiser of the 2005 and 2006 World Chess School Championship said that he would like to thank the Board for the support provided in organising World schools individual championships. He said that they have a proposal

for next year to organise seminars for trainers and arbiters and expressed his hope to have many guests.

56. World Schools Teams Championship 2006.

The Czech Chess Federation will organise this event in Pardubice, from 12 to 20 July 2006, and the regulations are approved.

Mr Makropoulos – They will organise next year's event also.

57. World Blitz Championship.

The Israeli Chess Federation is proposing that the World Blitz Championship be held every year, with the first event to take place in the town of Rishon-Lezion, Israel, from 3 to 6 September 2006 with a prize fund of USD 95, 000.

Mr Gelfer – We came to an agreement in the Executive Board that FIDE will receive 10% of the prize fund for the first year and 20% for the second year.

Mr Makropoulos – We give the event to Israel for two years. The second year is an option for Israel. If this changes the Presidential Board will make the final decision.

General Assembly approved the event to be held every year and recommended the regulations with the proposal of Mr. Makropoulos to be included into Annex 27.

58. Chess Olympiad 2008.

The event shall be held in Dresden, Germany, from 1 to 15 November 2008.

59. Chess Olympiad 2010.

Annex 28 is the bid from Polish Chess Federation. It is proposing to organize the event in Poznan, in August 2010.

Annex 29 is the bid from Russian Chess Federation. It is proposing to organize the event in Khanty-Mansiysk, Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Region-Yugra in September 2010.

Annex 30 is the bid from Latvian Chess Federation. It is proposing to organize the event in Riga, from 14 to 30 May 2010.

Annex 31 is the bid from Estonian Chess Federation. It is proposing to organize the event in Tallinn, September/October 2010.

Annex 32 is the bid from Serbia and Montenegro Chess Federation. It is

proposing to organize the event in Budva, from 22 October to 5 November 2010.

Annex 33 is the bid from Argentinean Chess Federation. It is proposing to organize the event in Buenos Aires, from 15 October to 15 November 2010.

Estonia has withdrawn its candidacy.

Mr Makropoulos informed that each candidate will be allowed 20 minutes for its presentation.

All five candidates made their presentation.

Voting:

Round 1: Khanty-Mansiysk (RUS) – 45 votes, Buenos Aires (ARG) – 39 votes, Budva (SCG) – 36 votes, Riga (LAT) - 13 votes, Poznan (POL) – 12 votes.

Round 2: Khanty-Mansiysk (RUS) – 53 votes, Buenos Aires (ARG) – 38 votes, Budva (SCG) – 46 votes.

Round 3: Khanty-Mansiysk (RUS) – 71 votes, Budva (SCG) – 64 votes.

Thus the successful bid was from the Russian Federation at Khanty-Mansiysk.

60. Chess Olympiad 2012.

The venue shall be decided in Dresden at the General Assembly in 2008.

Mr Makropoulos – We already have a very strong bid from Sweden. In 1912 Sweden held the Summer Olympics so they hope that in this way they will celebrate the anniversary.

Section L: Reports of Continental Presidents.

61. Report of European Continental President.

Continental President for Europe Boris Kutin reported.

Annex 64 is the Report.

General Assembly approved the report and noted the new officers for the Continent.

62. Report of Continental President for Americas.

Continental President for the Americas Jorge Vega reported.

Annex 40 is the Report for the meeting.

General Assembly approved the report and noted the new officers for the Continent.

63. Report of Asian Continental President.

Continental President for Asia Khalifa Al-Hitmi reported. **Annex 67** is the Report for the meeting.

General Assembly approved the report and noted the new officers for the Continent.

Sheikh Al Nahayan thanked everybody for their confidence. He will try to be successful.

64. Report of African Continental President.

Continental President Nizar Elhaj reported.

Annex 66 is the Report for the meeting.

General Assembly approved the report and noted the new officers for the Continent.

Section M: Other Matters

65. Legal suit IM M. Shvartz vs. FIDE.

Mr Sand explained the outcome of the legal case with IM M Shvartz.

Mr. Morten Sand said that when the case was filed, Mr. Schvartz had to pay 500 CHF as an upfront payment, and then there was a 15, 000 CHF fee for both parties, for arbitration costs. Mr. Schvartz did not want to put up this amount and he withdrew his appeal, but FIDE has no information how much his legal costs were. Mr. Schvartz withdrew his case, but if FIDE had decided to go on, the legal costs could have been 4-5 times higher. Even settling on such a basis is expensive with 10, 000 euro cost for FIDE.

Mr. Sand. - We gained experience in working with the Ethic Commission and we are satisfied about the work the Ethic Commission has done. I hope the new Ethics Commission, with the support of an Italian judge, will continue this way.

66. Appointment by the FIDE President of the Chairmen for FIDE Committees and Commissions.

1. Marketing and PR Director - Dr. Peter Rajscanyi (HUN)
 2. Technical Commission – Dr. Andrzej Filipowicz (POL)
 3. Panel for the Chess Olympiad pairings:
 - a) Mr. A. Burstein (ISR) – Chairman
 - b) Mr. H. Herzog (AUT)
 - c) Mr. W. Stubenvoll (AUT)
 - d) Mr. C. Krause (GER)

 1. Rules and Tournaments Regulations Committee – Mr. G. Gijssen (NED)
 2. Swiss Pairings Committee – Mr. C. Krause (GER)
 3. Qualification Commission – Mr. M. Markkula (FIN)
 4. Titles and Ratings Committee – Dr. D. De Ridder (BEL)
 5. Arbiters’ Council – Mr. P. Nikolopoulos (GRE)
 6. World Championship Committee – Mr. G. Makropoulos (GRE)
 7. Chess Events Commission – later
 8. Development Commission Chairman – Mr. N. Elhaj (LBA)
 9. CACDEC Chairman – Mr. A. Herbert (BAR)
 10. Chess in Schools Committee – Prof. U. Blanco (VEN)
- Continental Representatives: K. Osmanovic (BIH), Asia and Africa – later
11. Women’s Chess Committee – Mrs. H. Reimova (TKM)
 12. Disabled Chess Committee – Mr. G. Walsh (ENG)
 13. Delegate to the IOC – Mr. B. Assanov (KAZ)
 14. Trainers’ Committee – Mr. Y. Razuvaev (RUS)
 15. CHIPS Committee – Mr. A. Roshal (RUS)
 16. Chess Art, Exhibition and Philately Committee – Mr. L. Schmidt (GER)
 17. Computer and Internet Chess Committee – Mr. J. Petronic (SCG)
 18. Medical Commission – Dr. Jana Bellin (ENG)

Presidential Board to subsequently confirm the membership for each FIDE Committee/Commission.

67. Nomination by the President of Dr. Andrzej Filipowicz and Mr. Stephen Doyle as Honorary Members of FIDE.

Mr. Makropoulos advised that the President had nominated Dr. Andrzej Filipowicz and Mr. Stephen Doyle as Honorary Members of FIDE.

Mr. Freeman requested the exact process for honorary nominations as this should be put to a Committee beforehand.

Mr. Makropoulos agreed and said that a clear procedure should be created.

Dr. Filipowicz said that he was honoured to receive the dignity of honorary member. During his life he had met nearly all FIDE World Champions and all FIDE Presidents but one. He had cooperated with all FIDE Presidents and in future too he would be with you full time. Thank you.

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