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**ETHICS COMMISSION
MINUTES
19 November 2008**

Chairman: in chair Ralph Alt (GER)

Present: De Ridder (BEL), L. Ball (RSA), E. Price (RSA), D. Ambarukwi (INA), P. Pisk (CZE), S. Weeramantry (SRI), B. Kelleher (USA), J. Donaldson (USA), A. Nikolieva (BUL), F. Reyes (MEX), F. Campomanes – FIDE, L. Ebbin (BER)

REPORT:

Ralph Alt stood in the place of Roberto Ravello (ITA) as chairman, opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the commission and the observers. Roberto Ravello was absent for personal reasons.

The agenda was accepted.

1. Case Jean-Paul Touzé

Mr. Jean-Paul Touzé (France) demanded in a letter of 16 Nov. 2007 (in french) in respect of the complaints against the conditions of the organisation of the Youth Championship in Belfort (France) in July 2005. Previously the FIDE Executive Board banned M. Touzé from organising FIDE events for 5 years beginning 23 August 2005. Subsequently the Arbitration Court (CAS) on 22 May 2007 had made a decision. Mr. Touzé also demands financial compensation.

The Ethics Commission has been informed that, according to the decision of CAS, it is due to the General Assembly to decide.

2. Mails of Eilat Mazar and others concernng GM Teymur Radjabov

The Ethics Commission received 4 mails in November 2007 complaining, that GM Teymur Radjabov said in an interview with Azerbaijani News Agency APA (with regard to Armenian players): „Regardless of where we meet, the enemy is the enemy. We all have feelings of hate towards them.“ The senders were not identified as official representatives of the Armenian Chess Federation.

The Guidelines of the FIDE Ethics Commission state that complaints of this nature must come from a FIDE organ or from any Federation or person whose rights may have been violated. As a result of this the Commission decided not to accept the case.

3. Iranian Championship

The Ethics Commission received a complaint concerning the alleged „dishonesty“ of an Iranian chess champion during a World Youth Championship. Investigations were made, but there was insufficient evidence presented. The Ethics Commission decided not to accept the case.

4. Other cases

Finegold case: Mr. Donaldson (USA) reported on the Martinovsky Memorial 2005 and advised that the organiser, Mr. Cohen, had been banned by the US Federation for a period of 10 years from organising FIDE tournaments. After discussion it was agreed that no action would be taken against Mr. Finegold.

b) Myanmar players

It was brought to the attention of one the Commission members that Myanmar players are participating in tournaments with possibly inflated ratings. This matter was finalised in 2002 and the Qualifications Commission deducted 100 points from each player's rating. The Ethics Commission decided that no further action was necessary.

5. Proposals for changing and completing FIDE Code of Ethics

In the Athens meeting in July 2007 the Ethics Commission discussed and passed „Procedural Rules“ and „Guidelines to the Interpretation of FIDE Code of Ethics“. It was proposed that these rules be integrated into the FIDE Code of Ethics.

6. Project on the Restructure of Commissions and Committees

The draft was examined. The competence of the Ethics Commission is regulated in the FIDE Code of Ethics.

7. Miscellaneous

Costs of legislation were discussed.

Ralph Alt
Chairman