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Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 1:30 PM
To: Nigel Freeman
Cc: European Chess Union; FIDE Secretariat; ratings@fide.com; SILVIO; Vega Jorge; Ignatius Leong
Subject: Re: Letter from ECU President

Dear Nigel,

Thanks for sending me a copy of your answer to Mr. Danailov.
Unfortunately it seems that you are wrongly informed about the matters concerning the IV Campeonato Iberoamericano held in Quito (Ecuador) in April 2012.

The event was organised for the Ecuadorean Ministry of Sport, and the FIBDA, under the acknowledgement and explicit authorisation of the Ecuadorean Chess Federation.

As a first step FIBDA got the written endorsement of the Ecuadorean Chess Federation (ECF) for this Championship.
Since we are done with, the event was registered and accepted for FIDE.

ECF was always informed on time about the event and collaborated with the organisation with the nomination of the main Arbiter.

FIBDA recognised the collaboration and support of SCF in all the communication we had with the FIBDA affiliated Chess Federation.

The President of the SCF, Mr. Mieles was invited by the organisation (with all his expenses covered, air ticket included) to stay in the venue from the inauguration till the closing ceremony. (He didn't come)

It is not true that "it was recommended that this event will be postponed" as you assess in your mail..

It is also untrue that "The Ecuadorean Chess Federation informed FIBDA that they would not recognize or endorse this tournament, but FIBDA ignored this and failed to inform the players or cancel the event." The truth is that Mr. Mieles sent me a personal mail (not a letter) on April 11th (the tournament started on April 13th) stating that they will not support the event but not giving any serious reason for that.

In that moment some of the players were already arrived in Ecuador and all the others in the way to.

The SCF didn't sent any communication before the start of the tournament regarding the withdrawal of the endorsement to FIDE at least FIDE didn't contact to FIBDA

So the tournament went on and was held under all the FIDE requirements. Moreover FIDE can even register the tournament according to the Handdbook article mentioned in our mail sent two months ago and not yet answered .

It is also false your assessment that "FIBDA was fully aware about the intervention of the SCF". We knew about that once in Ecuador.

According recent information looks that an agreement has been done between the involved Institutions and the problem will be solved within 31st Dec 2012.

Finally, just to point out that we sent to FIDE the report of the tournament through the Spanish Chess Federation just because FIBDA is registered in Spain.

FIBDA and the Spanish Chess Federation are still waiting for an answer to our mail of May 1st forwarded to you and other FIDE officials by Mr. Danailov.

As President of FIBDA I will appreciate and answer from FIDE as soon as possible (of course before the Chess Olympiad) in order to inform the 23 Chess Federation affiliated to FIBDA, of these 21 took part in the Championship.

Best regards

Javier Ochoa de Echagüen
President of the Federacion Iberoamericana de Ajedrez

PS: Don't hesitate in asking us any document or mail mentioned in this mail just if you need it.

2012/7/2 Nigel Freeman <nigelfreeman@fide.com>
Dear Mr Danailov

This event was organized by the Ecuadorean Ministry of Sport and not by the Ecuadorean Chess Federation. At that time, and FIBDA was fully aware of this, there was a big problem of the Ecuadorean Ministry of Sport intervening in Ecuadorean Sports Federations and the IOC refused to accept this interference, as did FIDE, FIDE America and most international sporting bodies. It was recommended that this event be postponed until this had been sorted out. The Ecuadorean Chess Federation informed FIBDA that they would not recognize or endorse this tournament, but FIBDA ignored this and failed to inform the players or cancel the event. Instead they attempted to report it through the Spanish Federation, despite the event being held in Ecuador.

The Continental President for the Americas, Mr Vega, who is also the FIBDA Councillor, advises that FIBDA will have a meeting in Istanbul and recommends waiting until the outcome of this meeting before any further action is decided upon.

Best regards

Nigel Freeman
FIDE Executive Director

From: europechess.net@gmail.com [mailto:europechess.net@gmail.com] On Behalf Of European Chess Union
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2012 1:49 PM
To: FIDE Secretariat
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Subject: Letter from ECU President

Dear chess friends,
Attached you will find the letter from ECU President Mr. Danailov and the documents regarding the letter.
Best regards,
Sava Stoisljevic



Dear Sirs,

The Federacion Iberoamericana de Ajedrez (FIBDA), Chess Association affiliated to FIDE and legally registered in Spain, involving 23 countries three of them European (Andorra, Portugal and Spain) sent me a complaint because the non evaluation by FIDE of the Fourth Campeonato Iberoamericano de Ajedrez held in Quito (Ecuador) from april 13th till April 22nd of this year 2012.

FIBDA inform us that they sent a mail to FIDE on 1st of May 2012, including as attachment the written endorsement of the Ecuadorian Chess Federation, asking for the reasons of the no evaluation of the event. Up to today they didn't get any response from FIDE.

For that reason, and defending the interest of the European Chess Federations involved in the event (even the player from Portugal got an IM norm) the ECU urges FIDE to evaluate the tournament for the rating list as well as to validate the achieved norms.

Best regards

Silvio Danailov
ECU President



FEDERACION ECUATORIANA DE AJEDREZ

Guayaquil, 11 de Octubre del 2011

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Sr. Javier Ochoa de Echaguen Estibález
Presidente de la Federación Iberoamericana de Ajedrez
Madrid

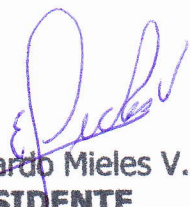
De mis consideraciones:

Acuso recibo de su oficio de Octubre 3 del 2011.

Me permito informarle que la Federación Ecuatoriana de Ajedrez Avaliza la realización del IV Campeonato Iberoamericano de Ajedrez en Ecuador a realizarse en la ciudad de Salinas del 8 al 18 de Enero del 2012.

Deseándole éxitos en la realización de este importante evento, reciba usted mis consideraciones más distinguidas.

Atentamente,
Ajedrez es deporte y ciencia


Arq. Eduardo Mieles V.
PRESIDENTE





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Registrada en el Registro Especial de Asociaciones Deportivas. CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE DEPORTES (España)
Añiliada a la Federación Internacional de Ajedrez FIDE

To:
FIDE Secretariat
FIDE Executive Director
FIDE Qualification Commission
FIDE Americas

Madrid, 30th April 2012

Dear Sirs,

The Ibero - American Chess Federation (FIBDA) is an International Organization affiliated to **FIDE**. The affiliation was approved by the **77th FIDE General Assembly**, held in Torino (Italia) in 2006. The **FIBDA** has 23 National Chess Federations members: 20 from **America** and 3 from **Europe**. It is registered by the **Spanish Government** as **International Sporting Federation**. The **Spanish Chess Federation** lends its office and all its administrative services to **FIBDA** as well as helps **FIBDA** in some financial compromises.

FIBDA is responsible of the organization of the **Individual Ibero-American Championship**. In this **Iberoamerican top level** Chess Tournament take part at least one representative of each affiliated National Chess Federation.

FIBDA held the **IV Iberoamerican Chess Championship** in Quito (Ecuador) with the attendance of 24 players (13 GM, 4 IM, 6 FM and one not titled). 21 National Chess Federation were represented. The dates were from 2012-04-12 (arrival) till 2012-04-23 (departure). The Tournament has been held according to the Laws of Chess and the FIDE Handbook.

On date **2012-02-16**, **FIBDA** notified **FIDE Secretariat** about the tournament.

On date **2012-03-13** the **Spanish Chess Federation**, by delegation of **FIBDA**, registered the tournament by means of the **FIDE Rating Server**, been accepted by FIDE and registered with the **number 67706**.

FIBDA informed the **Ecuadorian Chess Federation** in 2011 about its intention of to organize the **IV Iberoamerican Chess Championship** in 2012 in Ecuador, may be in Salinas or in Quito

On date **2011-10-11**, the **Ecuadorian Chess Federation** endorsed **by official document** the holding of the tournament in Ecuador

The **Ecuadorian Chess Federation** was invited by **FIBDA** to nominate its official representative player and the main arbiter. The nomination of the **Ecuadorian Chess Federation** was respected by **FIBDA**, even accepting a second player. Al Jorge Guerrero was designated as main arbiter and the players GM

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Carlos Matamoros and FM Lenin Guerra were registered according with the wishes of the Ecuadorian Chess Federation

The acceptance of its proposal was communicated to **the Ecuadorian Chess Federation** on **2012-02-20**

The co-organizer of the tournament and main sponsor was the **Ministerio de Deportes de la Republica del Ecuador** (Ministry of sports). The Ministry also approved the holding of the event in Ecuadorian territory.

The **IV Iberoamerican Chess Championship** was held with a great success. Air tickets were paid for all the players as well as full accommodation in a five stars hotel in Quito. The 24 players congratulated the organizers. The **Costa Rica** representative achieved a **GM** norm (**historical for Center America**) and the **Portugal** representative an **IM** norm.

On date **2012-04-11** the **Ecuadorian Chess Federation** sent an email to **FIBDA** withdrawing its endorsement to the Championship. Some of the players were already in Ecuador and the rest travelling to. The **Ecuadorian Chess Federation** knew perfectly that it was impossible to change the event

Probably this decision was related with the fact that the Ecuadorian Chess Federation (as well as other sporting Federations) has been intervened by the Ministry of Sports

FIBDA can't assess the internal sporting matters in the Republic of Ecuador. We really hope that all this issue will be resolved in the best way for chess.

We believe that **FIBDA** and the 21 participant Chess Federations should not be adversely affected by the decision of the Ecuadorian Chess Federation notified so late.

The **Spanish Chess Federation** sent to **FIDE** the report of the tournament on **2012-04-23**

Next day, **FIDE** notified in its web site the new of the No evaluation of the tournament. The tournament has been erased of tournaments registered for evaluation for the 1st of May rating list, as well as from the FIDE Calendar-Events

FIDE didn't ask **FIBDA** for any information or clarification before to take these decisions.

In view of the foregoing, we respectfully request FIDE to evaluate the **IV Iberoamerican Chess Championship**, in accordance with the **FIDE handbook, B.02.Introduction**:

0.2 In principle, all important events should be rated. All top level tournaments may be rated by FIDE even if no rating report is submitted by the federation of the territory in which the event is held

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We really believe that it is not fair to damage neither 21 National Chess Federations nor the 24 players which played the games on the chess board in a tournament that fulfills all the requirements laid down by **FIDE** and much less to ignore the norms, as the historical **GM** norm achieved by the chess player **Bernal Gonzalez** of **Costa Rica**.

Truly yours

Ramón Padullés Argerich
Ibero- American Chess Federation General Secretary
Spanish Chess Federation General Secretary

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To:

FIDE Secretariat
FIDE Executive Director
FIDE Qualification Commission
FIDE Americas

Madrid, 30 de abril de 2012

Estimados señores,

La **Federación Iberoamericana de Ajedrez (FIBDA)** es una Organización Internacional afiliada a la **FIDE**. Su afiliación fue aprobada por la **77ª Asamblea General** en Turín (Italia), 2006.

La **FIBDA** tiene 23 Federaciones afiliadas: 20 de América y 3 de Europa.

Esta registrada por el **Gobierno de España** como **Federación Deportiva Internacional**.

La **Federación Española de Ajedrez** presta su sede y todos sus servicios administrativos a la **FIBDA**. También presta su ayuda en los compromisos financieros de la **FIBDA**.

La **FIBDA** es la responsable de la organización **del Campeonato Individual Iberoamericano de Ajedrez**. En este Campeonato **de alto nivel**: participan, al menos, un representante de cada Federación Nacional afiliada.

La **FIBDA** ha realizado su **IV Campeonato Individual en Quito (Ecuador)**, con la participación de 24 jugadores (13 GM, 4 IM, 6 FM y 1 no titulado). 21 federaciones estaban representadas.

Las fechas han sido del **2012-04-12** (llegada) al **2012-04-23** (salida).

El **Campeonato** se ha realizado de acuerdo con las **Leyes del Ajedrez** y el **FIDE Handbook**.

Con fecha **2012-02-16** la **FIBDA** comunicó a **FIDE Secretariat** la celebración del Campeonato.

Con fecha **2012-03-13** la **Federación Española de Ajedrez**, por delegación de la **FIBDA**, registró el Campeonato mediante la aplicación **FIDE Rating Server**, siendo **aceptado por la FIDE** y **registrado con el número 67706**.

La **FIBDA** comunicó en **2011** a la **Federación Ecuatoriana** su intención de realizar el Campeonato en 2012 en Ecuador, posiblemente en Salinas o bien en Quito.

Con fecha **2011-10-11**, la **Federación Ecuatoriana** dio su **aval** por medio de un **documento oficial** para la celebración del Campeonato en Ecuador.

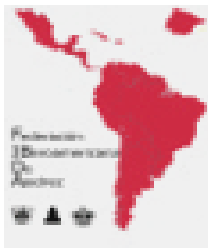
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La **Federación Ecuatoriana** fue invitada por la **FIBDA** para designar el Árbitro Principal y un jugador. La decisión de la **Federación Ecuatoriana** fue respetada por la **FIBDA** incluso aceptando un segundo jugador y se nombró al AI Jorge Guerrero y a los jugadores GM Carlos Matamoros y FM Lenin Guerra, de acuerdo con la solicitud de la **Federación Ecuatoriana**.

Esta decisión fue comunicada a la **Federación Ecuatoriana** el **2012-02-20**.

El co-organizador del Campeonato, y sponsor principal, fue el **Ministerio del Deporte de la República de Ecuador**. También aprobó la celebración del Campeonato en el territorio de Ecuador.

El Campeonato se desarrolló con éxito. Los pasajes aéreos de los jugadores fueron pagados por la organización al igual que el alojamiento en un hotel de cinco estrellas en Quito. Los 24 jugadores participantes felicitaron a la organización. El representante de **Costa Rica** consiguió Norma de **GM** y el representante de **Portugal** Norma de **MI**.

Con fecha **2012-04-11** la **Federación Ecuatoriana** comunicó a la **FIBDA**, por e-mail, la retirada de su apoyo al Campeonato. Algunos jugadores estaban ya en Ecuador y el resto viajando hacia allí. La **Federación Ecuatoriana** sabía que era imposible cambiar la convocatoria.

Suponemos que esta decisión está relacionada con la intervención de la **Federación Ecuatoriana** (al igual que algunas federaciones de otros deportes) por el **Ministerio del Deporte del Ecuador**.

La **FIBDA** no puede valorar los asuntos deportivos internos de Ecuador. Esperamos que todo se resuelva favorablemente para el desarrollo del **Ajedrez** en este país.

Creemos que la **FIBDA** y las **21 Federaciones Nacionales** participantes y los **24 jugadores** no deberían verse perjudicados por la decisión de la **Federación Ecuatoriana**, comunicada fuera de tiempo.

La **Federación Española** envió a la **FIDE** el informe del Campeonato el día **2012-04-23**.

La **FIDE** publicó en las noticias de su Website la no evaluación del Campeonato. El Campeonato **ha sido borrado** del registro de torneos de la lista de 1 de mayo 2012 y ha sido también borrado del **FIDE Calendar – Events**.

La **FIDE** no ha pedido a la **FIBDA** ninguna información o aclaración antes de tomar estas decisiones.

Por todo lo expuesto anteriormente, solicitamos respetuosamente a la **FIDE** que evalúe el Campeonato, aplicando lo previsto en el **Handbook, B.02.Introduction**.

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Creemos que no se puede perjudicar a 21 federaciones, ni tampoco a los 24 jugadores que han disputado sus partidas en el tablero, en un torneo que cumple con todos los requisitos establecidos y muchos menos ignorar las normas obtenidas, como la histórica norma de **GM** lograda por el maestro costarricense Bernal González

Atentamente

Ramón Padullés Argerich
Secretario General de la Federación Iberoamericana de Ajedrez
Secretario General de la Federación Española de Ajedrez