



FIDE ETHICS COMMISSION

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

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

during an exchange of correspondence the 23rd November - 4th of December 2015, made the following -

DECISION

Case n. 7/2015: ALLEGATIONS OF CHEATING AGAINST GM NIGALIDZE IN DUBAI OPEN, 2015

1. The ETH **confirms** that the case is receivable against Mr Gaioz Nigalidze, for an alleged violation of par. 2.2.5 of the FIDE Code of Ethics.
2. The ETH **notes** the contents of the report received from the Investigatory Chamber nominated by the FIDE Presidential Board for this case and the IC's recommendations.
3. The ETH **notes** the representations received from the respondent in mitigation of the sanction to be imposed.

4. The ETH **finds** that Mr Gaioz Nigalidze has made himself guilty of cheating in his game against GM Tigran Petrosian during the sixth round of the Dubai Open held from 6 - 15 April 2015 by using chess engine software installed on his iPod device for analysis of the game in progress.
5. The ETH unanimously **rules** that:
 - 5.1 Mr Gaioz Nigalidze violated par. 2.2.5 of the FIDE Code of Ethics.
 - 5.2 Mr Gaioz Nigalidze is sanctioned with a worldwide ban of 3 years to take effect from 6 September 2015 and to end on 5 September 2018. During this period Mr Nigalidze is prohibited from participating as a player in any rated chess competition or any chess-related activity as an arbiter, organiser or representative of a chess federation. In addition, Mr Nigalidze's grandmaster title is revoked.
 - 5.3 For the sake of clarity, the sanction does not seek to restrain Mr Nigalidze from earning income during the period of the ban as a chess trainer, teacher or coach.
6. The ETH **requests** the FIDE Secretariat to communicate the decision to Mr Gaioz Nigalidze, the Georgian Chess Federation, the Investigatory Chamber per IO Yuri Garrett and the Anti-Cheating Committee and to publish the decision on the FIDE website in due course.

DATED ON THIS THE 4th DAY OF DECEMBER 2015

F P Strydom

CHAIRMAN

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