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*By email and registered letter*

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## Post Tournament Complaint against Mr. Ivan Tetimov

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Dear Mr Danailov,  
Dear Mr Velchev,

Our law firm acts on behalf of the World Chess Federation (FIDE).

By email dated 27 March 2015, you were informed that the FIDE Anti-Cheating Committee (ACC) received a Post Tournament complaint against Mr Ivan Tetimov and appointed an Investigatory Chamber to investigate the complaint.

You were requested to provide Mr Tetimov's contact details so that the Investigatory Chamber could contact him. You were also offered the possibility to file comments on behalf of the Bulgarian Chess Federation.

Since you failed to answer or even to acknowledge receipt of ACC's email dated 27 March 2015, a reminder was sent to you on 21 April 2015. As a response, Mr Danailov stated that "[u]nfortunately Bulgarian Chess Federation have no intention to collaborate with the current FIDE management. In my personal opinion this management together with the commissions appointed by them are not competent and professional enough to rule FIDE and the world of chess".

According to Article 2.4 of FIDE Statutes, "[t]he members must acknowledge and observe the statutes, regulations, resolutions and decisions of FIDE. [...] Moreover they are obliged to support FIDE actively in all chess activities".

The FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines further provide that national federations are "required to cooperate with the IC [Investigatory Chamber]" in charge of the investigation of alleged breaches of Anti-Cheating Regulations in order to facilitate the latter's work (page 12).

Therefore, the Bulgarian Chess Federation, as a national member federation of FIDE, and you, as its President and Executive Director, have the obvious and unconditional obligation to assist the ACC and its Investigatory Chamber in its investigation against Mr Tetimov. The fact that FIDE's management and commissions are, in Mr Danailov's view, "*not competent and professional enough*" is manifestly no valid reason to refuse to cooperate to the investigation of a possible cheating case.

According to Article 2.5 of FIDE Statutes, "*[m]embers not fulfilling the duties mentioned in art. 2.4 may be temporarily excluded from FIDE by a decision of the General Assembly/Executive Board/Presidential Board and permanently excluded from FIDE by a decision of the General Assembly*".

We hereby formally request that you comply with your obligations as a member federation of FIDE, i.e. that you provide the ACC's Investigatory Chamber, **by Monday 11 May 2015 at the latest**, with the information requested in its emails dated 27 March 2015 and 21 April 2015. Furthermore, we formally request that you cooperate fully in the future with the ACC in its investigation against Mr Tetimov.

Should you continue to refuse to cooperate, FIDE will proceed in accordance with Article 2.5 of FIDE Statutes and request the exclusion of the Bulgarian Chess Federation from FIDE.

FIDE further reserves its right to take further action against Mr Danailov pursuant to the FIDE Code of Ethics with regard to his comments about FIDE's management and Commission members.

We send a copy of this letter to the Bulgarian Minister of Youth and Sports and to the Bulgarian Olympic Committee.

Yours sincerely,

  
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