



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 the meeting held in Athens on 12th - 15th of December 2014, made the following -

DECISION

Case n. 10/2014: "Complaint of Mr Garry Kasparov concerning the proceedings of the FIDE Electoral Commission".

1. The ETH **notes** the complaint against the first respondent, Ms Margaret Murphy, that she violated articles 2.2.2, 2.2.10 and 2.2.11 of the FIDE Code of Ethics by (i) failing to invite the second and third respondents to withdraw from discussion and/or voting on the complainant's objection of 28 May 2014; and (ii) failing to afford Ms Santens the opportunity to observe the work of the ELE in regard to the decision of this objection;

2. The ETH **notes** the complaint against the second respondent, Mr Darcy Lima and the third respondent, Mr Bharat Singh that they violated articles 2.2.2, 2.2.10 and 2.2.11 of the FIDE Code of Ethics by (i) failing to withdraw from the discussion and voting on the complainant's mentioned objection; and (ii) running for the deputy president positions in their respective continental elections and continuing to serve as a member of the ELE;
3. The ETH **finds** that:
 - 3.1 the issues raised by the complaints have become academic;
 - 3.2 the complainant lacks an actual relevant interest (and accordingly *locus standi*) at present;
 - 3.3 the decisions of the ELE relating to matters falling within its competency are final; and
 - 3.4 there are no *prima facie* evidence that the respondents discharged their official duties as members of the ELE in a manner inconsistent with the standards required by the FIDE Code of Ethics;
4. The ETH unanimously **rules** that:
 - 4.1 the complaints of Mr Kasparov are not admissible;
 - 4.2 the matter is accordingly dismissed.
5. The ETH **requests** the FIDE Secretariat to communicate the decision to Mr Garry Kasparov, Ms Margaret Murphy, Mr Darcy Lima and Mr Bharat Singh and to publish the decision on the FIDE website.

DATED ON THIS THE 15th DAY OF DECEMBER 2014

F P Strydom

CHAIRMAN
FIDE ETHICS COMMISSION