FIDE ETHICS COMMISSION

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

Chairman: Mr Francois Strydom  
Members: Mr Ion Serban Dobronauteanu  
Mr Rajesh Hari Joshi

during the meetings held in Abu Dhabi on 3rd - 5th of September 2015, made the following -

DECISION

Case n. 7/2014: “Complaints of the Chess Federations of the Philippines and Kenya against the President of FIDE, Mr Kirsan Ilyumzhinov”

1. The ETH notes the absence of its member Mr Pedro Dominguez due to his unavailability for the meetings in Abu Dhabi.

2. The ETH notes the recusal of its member Mr Willy Iclicki from any participation in the discussion or decision of this matter on account of his current position as Adviser to the FIDE President for Europe.

3. The ETH notes that despite the circumstances referred to in 1 and 2 above, the three members present constitute a quorum for a valid decision.
4. The ETH notes the complaint against Mr Ilyumzhinov for a possible violation of par. 2.2.2 of the FIDE Code of Ethics by allegedly entering into an agreement for a shareholding in Agon Ltd (“the first complaint”).

5. The ETH notes the complaint against Mr Ilyumzhinov for a possible violation of par. 2.2.2, 2.2.10 and/or 2.2.11 of the FIDE Code of Ethics in that Mr Ilyumzhinov allegedly abused the FIDE administrative resources for his own political gain in his 2014 campaign for re-election (“the second complaint”).

6. The ETH, by unanimity of the members present, decides that:
   6.1 Mr Ilyumzhinov is not guilty of the first complaint;
   6.2 Mr Ilyumzhinov is not guilty of the second complaint;

7. The ETH accordingly dismisses case no. 7/2014.

8. The ETH undertakes to provide to the complainants and the respondents full written reasons for this decision as soon as possible.

9. The ETH requests the FIDE Secretariat to communicate without delay this decision to Mr Ilyumzhinov and the Chess Federations of the Philippines and Kenya and further to publish this decision (without the reasons) on the FIDE website in the near future.

DATED ON THIS THE 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015

F P STRYDOM

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CHAIRMAN
FIDE ETHICS COMMISSION