



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
Mr Willy Iclicki

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

DECISION

Case n. 2/2015: “Complaint of the Association of Chess Professionals (ACP) against Mr. Causevic and Mr. Predojevic of Bosnia and Herzegovina”

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** that the four members present constitute a quorum for a valid decision.
3. The ETH **notes** the complaint against Messrs. Causevic and Predojevic for a possible violation of par 2.2.3, 2.2.7, 2.2.10 and 2.2.11.of the FIDE

Code of Ethics by paying the prize monies in the 2014 Bosna Open partially only, or late.

4. The ETH **notes** the detailed arguments presented by the ACP in support of its contention that the ACP is competent to represent its members in front of the ETH.
5. Upon due consideration of the above arguments as well as a letter received from the respondents explaining the difficulties experienced by them as organisers of the relevant tournament, ETH **finds** that:
 - 5.1 The ACP lacks the necessary directly affected personal interest in the subject-matter of this complaint and its representative status is inadequate to clothe it with *locus standi* in a matter concerning injury to one or more of its members;
 - 5.2 Furthermore, the ACP is not a member or an organ of FIDE and lacks the capacity to represent the general interest that FIDE might have in a case like the present.
 - 5.3 The real complainants should be the players personally and individually affected by the alleged wrong committed by the respondents and the ACP would be permitted to forward to the ETH complaints of aggrieved players who are ACP members provided the ACP is duly authorised by the individuals concerned and the complaints are lodged in the names of the affected players themselves.
6. The ETH, by unanimity of the members present, **decides** that:

6.1 the complaint of the ACP is **not admissible**; and

6.2 case no. 2/2015 is **dismissed**.

7. The ETH **requests** the FIDE Secretariat to communicate without delay this decision to the ACP and Messrs. Causevic and Predojevic and further to publish this decision on the FIDE website in the near future.

DATED ON THIS THE 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015

F P Strydom

CHAIRMAN
FIDE ETHICS COMMISSION