



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. 6/2015: "Complaint of the Delhi Chess Association against GM Koneru Humpy regarding incidents at and following the 2015 Commonwealth Chess Championship"

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 GM Koneru Humpy for a possible violation of par 2.2.4, 2.2.6, 2.2.9, 2.2.10 and 2.2.11.of the FIDE Code

of Ethics for withdrawal from the tournament without a valid reason and making unjustified accusations against the chief arbiter.

4. The ETH **notes** the detailed arguments presented by the Delhi Chess Association in support of its contention that it is competent to submit a complaint to the ETH.
5. Upon due consideration of the above, ETH **finds** that:
 - 5.1 The Delhi Chess Association as organiser of the Commonwealth Chess Championship has a direct interest in the subject-matter of the complaint to the extent that it was injured by damage to its reputation and the loss of sponsorship.
 - 5.2 However, the Delhi Chess Association 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 It is possible that the ETH would have entertained the complaint if the complaint was submitted in the name of the Commonwealth Chess Association (an affiliate member of FIDE) or the All Indian Chess Federation (a federation member of FIDE) and/or by the chief arbiter personally as the individual directly affected by the alleged wrong committed by the respondent.
 - 5.4 The fact that the complaint of the Delhi Chess Association was forwarded to the ETH by a FIDE member, namely the All Indian Chess Federation, does not change the fact that the real complainant is the Delhi Chess Association which lacks *locus standi* in front of the ETH.

6. The ETH, by unanimity of the members present, **decides** that:
- 6.1 the complaint of the Delhi Chess Association is **not admissible**;
and
- 6.2 case no. 6/2015 is **dismissed**.
7. The ETH nevertheless observes that the complaint, taken merely at face value (accepting that the respondent has not had an opportunity to present her version of the events), discloses a strong *prima facie* case of the violations of par 2.2.6 and 2.2.11 of the FIDE Code of Ethics, i.e. the withdrawal from a tournament without valid reason and conduct (in this case the public criticising of the organisers and officials) likely to injure the goodwill attached to the event. GM Koneru Humpy is urged to react more appropriately in similar future situations.
8. The ETH **requests** the FIDE Secretariat to communicate without delay this decision to Delhi Chess Association and GM Koneru Humpy 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