



## 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 Rajesh Hari Joshi  
Secretary: Ms Elli Sperdokli (non-voting)

at the meeting held in Antalya, Turkey on 9 October 2017, made the following -

### DECISION

**Case no. 1/2017: Alleged unjustified accusation of cheating during the 2017 Maccabiah Open.**

1. The ETH **notes** the non-participation of its member, Mr Pedro Dominguez Brito, due to its unavailability for the meetings in Antalya.
2. The ETH **confirms** that the remaining four voting members constitute a quorum.
3. The ETH **notes** the complaint of Mr Jeremy Milikow (ISR) (on behalf of his minor son) against WIM Svetlana Bezgodova (RUS), for alleged

violation of Art. 2.2.9 and/or 2.2.11 of the FIDE Code of Ethics arising from statements made in an article published on a chess news website.

4. The ETH **notes** the version of Ms Bezgodova as contained in her email statement to the ETH in which she denies accusing any-one of cheating.
5. The ETH **notes** the version of the chief arbiter and the organiser and all the evidentiary material in this case (in particular a reliable English translation of the relevant part of the article published in Russian).
6. The ETH unanimously **decides** that:
  - 6.1 Ms Bezgodova is not guilty of breaching Art. 2.2.9 of the Code of Ethics;
  - 6.2 Ms Bezgodova is guilty of breaching Art. 2.2.11 of the Code of Ethics;
  - 6.3 Ms Bezgodova is sanctioned with a warning.
7. The ETH will publish the reasons for its decision shortly.
8. The ETH **requests** the FIDE Secretariat to communicate without delay its decision to Mr Jeremy Milikow, WIM Svetlana Bezgodova, as well as the Israeli and Russian Chess Federations and further cause a copy hereof to be published on the ETH website.

DATED ON THIS 14th DAY OF OCTOBER 2017

*F P Strydom*

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