



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 -

RULING

Case no. 2/2017: Conduct of organiser of 2017 FIDE World Cup in the incident involving GM Anton Kovalyov.

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 the Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) against Mr Zurab Azmaiparashvili, in his capacity as the head organiser of the 2017 FIDE World Cup, for alleged violation of Art. 2.2.2, 2.2.3,

2.2.4 and 2.2.11 of the FIDE Code of Ethics arising from the incident which occurred between GM Azmaiparashvili and GM Anton Kovalyov (“the player”) at the event.

4. The ETH **notes** the absence of a written statement by the player recording the facts surrounding the incident.
5. The ETH **notes** its decision in terms of Rule 8 of the ETH’s Procedural Rules, as conveyed to the parties, that it is appropriate and necessary to conduct an oral public hearing in this matter and that such hearing was due to take place in Antalya on 12 October 2017.
6. The ETH **notes** the unwillingness of the player to participate in the public hearing, whether by his personal appearance in Antalya or by way of video-conferencing.
7. In the circumstances, and by unanimity of the voting members present, the ETH **rules** that the case stands to be rejected for want of a *prima facie* case due a lack of reliable evidence. This is not a decision on the merits of the complaint.
8. The ETH **requests** the FIDE Secretariat to communicate without delay this ruling to the CFC and GM Azmaiparashvili and cause a copy hereof to be published on the ETH website.

DATED ON THIS 9th DAY OF OCTOBER 2017

F P Strydom

CHAIRMAN

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