



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
Secretary: Ms Elli Sperdokli (non-voting)

during exchanges of correspondence in January, February and March 2018, made the following -

DECISION

Case no. 5/2017: - “Alleged unjustified accusation of computer-assisted cheating during various international tournaments in 2017”

1. The ETH **notes** the non-participation of its members, Mr Pedro Dominguez Brito and Mr Rajesh Hari Joshi in this decision, but **confirms** that the remaining three voting members constitute a quorum.
2. The ETH **notes** the complaint of Ms Liana Tanzharikova, on behalf of her minor daughter Bibisara Assaubayeva (RUS), directed against GM Evgeniy Solozhenkin (RUS) for publishing unfounded accusations of cheating against WFM Assaubayeva.

3. The ETH **finds** that the case is receivable against GM Solozhenkin for an alleged violation of par. 2.2.9 and/or 2.2.11 of the FIDE Code of Ethics.
4. The ETH **notes** the contents of the two defensive statements submitted by GM Solozhenkin to the ETH, as well as the report of the Investigatory Chamber (which investigated GM Solozhenkin's in-tournament cheating complaint against WFM Assaubayeva at the 2017 World Youth championships in Montevideo, Uruguay), and the reports by IA Hal Bond and Prof Kenneth Regan.
5. Having duly considered all the evidence, the ETH unanimously **rules** that:
 - 5.1 GM Evgeniy Solozhenkin violated par. 2.2.11 of the FIDE Code of Ethics.
 - 5.2 GM Evgeniy Solozhenkin is sanctioned as follows:
 - 5.2.1 A ban of 18-months, with effect from the date of this decision, is imposed disqualifying GM Solozhenkin from (a) being present at any official tournament appearing on the FIDE calendar (including Youth and Junior events) and/or attending any FIDE meeting anywhere in the world (including Russia), whether as an organizer, player, trainer, manager, arbiter, accompanying person, delegate, representative or in any other capacity, and from (b) participating as a player in any FIDE-registered tournament outside of Russia.
 - 5.2.2 Half of the sanction period (9 months) is suspended for a period of 24 months on the condition that GM Solozhenkin is not found guilty of making unjustified accusations of cheating against, or otherwise unjustly injure the reputation of, any person committed during the period of suspension.
6. The ETH's written motivation with full reasons for the present decision is released simultaneously herewith.

7. The ETH **requests** the FIDE Secretariat to communicate the decision to GM Evgeniy Solozhenkin, Ms Liana Tanzharikova, the Russian Chess Federation and the FIDE Anti-Cheating Commission, and to publish the decision on the FIDE website.

DATED ON THIS THE 19th DAY OF MARCH 2018

F P Strydom

CHAIRMAN

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