



FIDE ETHICS COMMISSION

The Ethics Commission (hereafter called the ETH), sitting in the following composition -

Chairman: Mr. Francois Strydom
Members: Mr. Willy Iclicki
Mr. Pedro Dominguez Brito
Mr. Rajesh Hari Joshi

during meetings held in Baku during 6th - 8th of September 2016, unanimously made the following -

FINAL DECISION

Cases n. 13/2014 & 14/2014: "Complaints of the European Chess Union (ECU) and Montenegro Chess Federation (MCF) concerning the organisation of the 2013 European Youth Chess Championship in Budva, Montenegro".

1. The ETH **notes** the recusal of its member Mr Ion Serban Dobronauteanu from any participation in or decision of these matters on account of his current position as Deputy President of the ECU.
2. The ETH **notes** its previous ruling that the complaints of the ECU and the MCF are admissible for alleged violations of clauses 2.2.2, 2.2.3 and 2.2.11 of the FIDE Code of Ethics and the decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) that the ETH is competent to decide upon the subject-matter of the complaints in relation to Mr Silvio Danailov (first

respondent), Mr Vladimir Sakotic (second respondent) and Ms Sava Stoisavljevic (third respondent).

3. The ETH **rules** that cases 13/2014 and 14/2014 be joined and that a joint hearing of the cases shall take place;
4. The ETH **notes** that an oral hearing has taken place on 7 September 2016 at 15:15 - 18:30 during which the ETH was addressed by representatives of the ECU and the MCF. In spite of due notice of the hearing, none of the respondents were present at the hearing.
5. Upon due consideration of the written statements filed on behalf of the complainants and the respondents, as well as the oral submissions made at the hearing, the ETH **decides** that:
 - 5.1 Mr Danailov is guilty of violating clause 2.2.3 of the Code of Ethics in a serious degree - Officials who fail to perform their functions in an impartial and responsible manner;
 - 5.2 Mr Sakotic is guilty of violating clause 2.2.2 of the Code of Ethics - Office bearers who through their behaviour no longer inspire the necessary confidence or have in other ways become unworthy of trust;
 - 5.3 Ms Stoisavljevic is guilty of violating clause 2.2.3 of the Code of Ethics to a lesser degree - Officials who fail to perform their functions in an impartial and responsible manner.
6. The ETH **imposes** the following sanctions:
 - 6.1 Mr Danailov is suspended for a period of eighteen (18) months from holding any office or position within FIDE, as well as from participating in any meeting of FIDE as delegate or in any other capacity. This suspension does not preclude Mr Danailov from exercising his powers as President of the Bulgarian Chess Federation within Bulgaria internally, but he shall not represent the Bulgarian Chess Federation externally in its relations with FIDE. The reference to FIDE herein includes its member federations (other than the Bulgarian Chess Federation), continental associations and other affiliated international organisations.

- 6.2 Mr Sakotic is suspended for a period of three (3) years from holding any office or position within FIDE, from participating in any meeting of FIDE as delegate or another capacity, as well as representing any organisation in its relations with FIDE. The reference to FIDE herein includes its member federations, continental associations and other affiliated international organisations.
- 6.3 Ms Stoisavljevic is suspended for a period of six (6) months from holding any office or position within FIDE, from participating in any meeting of FIDE as delegate or in another capacity, as well as representing any organisation in its relations with FIDE. The reference to FIDE herein includes its member federations, continental associations and other affiliated international organisations.
7. The commencement date of the suspensions in 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 above is **10 October 2016** in order to allow for the preparation of the written motivation.
8. The ETH will provide its written motivation with full reasons for the guilty findings and the sanctions within one (1) month hereof.
9. The time limit for lodging any appeal against this decision to the CAS, as contemplated in article 13.3 of the FIDE Statutes, shall be extended to 21 days from the date that the ETH's written motivation becomes known, or reasonably should have become known, to the party intending an appeal.
10. The ETH **requests** the FIDE Secretariat to communicate the decision to the European Chess Union, the Montenegro Chess Federation, Mr Silvio Danailov, Mr Vladimir Sakotic and Ms Sava Stoisavljevic and to publish this decision on the FIDE website.

DATED ON THIS THE 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2016

F P Strydom

CHAIRMAN
FIDE ETHICS COMMISSION