



**74th FIDE Congress
Kallithea, Halkidiki, Greece
31 October-2 November 2003
Executive Board Minutes**

Attendance

H.E. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov	President
Florencio Campomanes	Honorary President
Georgios Makropoulos	Deputy President
P.T. Ummer Koya	Vice President
Noureddine Tabbane	General Secretary
David Jarrett	Treasurer
Zurab Azmaiparashvili	Vice President
Ignatius Leong	Vice President
Morten Sand	Vice President
Kurt Jungwirth	Honorary Vice President
Vanik Zakarian	Honorary Vice President
Boris Kutin	Continental President for Europe
Jorge Vega	Continental President for Americas
Nizar Elhaj	Continental President for Africa
Herman Hamers	Zone President 1.1.
Goran Antunac	Zone President 1.2
Ingvar Carlsson	Zone President 1.3
Kamen Toshkov	Zone President 1.4
Gaguik Oganessian	Zone President 1.5
Alexander Zhukov (Proxy to E. Eletsy)	Zone President 1.6
Viktor Petrov	Zone President 1.7
Robert Tanner	Zone President 2.1
Maurice Smith	Zone President 2.2
Cesar Cardoso (proxy to J. Vega)	Zone President 2.5
S.L. Harsh	Zone President 3.1b
Dang Tat Thang	Zone President 3.2a
Gary Bekker (proxy to P. Viner)	Zone President 3.3.
Lewis Ncube	Zone President 4.3
Israel Gelfer	Executive Board member
Peter Rajscanyi	Executive Board member
Agostino Scalfi	Executive Board member
Nicolas Barrera	Executive Board member
William Kelleher	Executive Board member
Genden Altanoch (proxy to I. Leong)	Executive Board member
Abd Hamid Majid	Executive Board member
Dabilani Buthali	Executive Board member
Lakhdar Mazouz	Executive Board member

Observers:

Werner Stubenvoll (AUT)
Luis Costa (POR)
Antonio Curado (POR)
Alberto Santos (ECU)
Gilson L. Chrestani (BRA)
Horst Metzging (GER)
Alfred Schlya (GER)
Christian Krause (GER)
Vladimir Dvorkovich (RUS)
Faik Gasanov (AZE)
Cengiz O Keles (TUR)
Gerry Walsh (ENG)
Lucy Walsh (ENG)
Igor Vereshchagin (RUS)
Mikko Markkula (FIN)
Francis Jeitz (LUX)
Geovanny Cesar (DOM)
Alexander Kostyev (RUS)
Lothar Schmid (GER)
Javier Marcone Nunez (ESP)
Javier Ochoa de Echaguen (ESP)
Allan Herbert (BAR)
Dirk De Ridder (BEL)
Abdulkadi Mohamed (SOM)
Hesan Ali (IRI)
Geurt Gijssen (NED)
Mehrddad Pahlevanzadeh (IRI)
Hossein Gholi Saloor (IRI)
Fuad Jafarov (AZE)
Margareta Juncu (ROM)
Vladimir Sakotic (SCG)
Yasodananda K. Areti (BAR)
M.S. Yousufzai (AFG)
G. Qaderi (AFG)
Panagiotis Nikolopoulos (GRE)
Abdalla Sliwayh (LBA)
Elnami Abdalla. K (LBA)
Derrick V. Perrera (SRI)
Robert Zsiyhovits (AUT)
Franco Pedrazzino (ITA)
Ali Nihat Yazici (TUR)
Marios Schinis (CYP)
Ramon Barrera NU (ARG)
Nicola Palladino (ITA)
Ali Asgar Gholem Rezi (IRI)
Wim. Arns (NED)
Dhafera Madhloom (IRQ)
Tomasz Delega (POL)

Zoltan Ambrus (HUN)
Silvino Garcia (CUB)
Gerardo Anaya (CUB)
Tim Redman (USA)
Bolat Asanov (KAZ)
Elizabetha Polihroniade (ROM)
Dr. Ammar Hourri (LIB)
Dr. J.M. Bellin (ENG)
Panagiotis Drepaniotis (GRE)
Sakis Kouvatsos (GRE)
Lindsay Bellhouse (BAR)
Berik Balgabaev (RUS)
Argiris Kotsis (GRE)
Albert Vasse (NED)
Brano Malobabic (CAN)
Aykat Ilber Mete (TUR)
Christos Pilalis (GRE)
Giorgi Khomeriki (GEO)
Stewart Reuben (ENG)
Nigel Freeman (BER)
Victor Pozharsky (BLR)
Philip Viner (AUS)
Andra Cimina (LAT)
Ian Rogers (AUS)
Mahdi AbdulRahim (UAE)
Mehmet Gerguri (Kosovo)
Vasilios Papadopoulos (GRE)
Jan Heinrich (SVK)
Paula Domingue (SEY)
Spyros Ilandzis (GRE)
Antonio Rami (ESP)
I. Hernandez (ESP)
Nikos Kouvakas (GRE)
Oleg Gonsievsky (BLR)

Emmanuel Omuku

Executive Director

Absent with apologies:

Steve Doyle
Khalifa Al Hitmi

Vice President
Continental President

0.1 Obituary.

Executive Board mourned the transition in the preceding year of friends of FIDE:

- Lim Kok Ann (SIN)
- Ineke Bakker (NED)
- Viktor Baturinsky (RUS)
- Yasuji Matsumoto (JAP)
- Alvis Zichichi (ITA)
- Frankie Torregrosa (PUR)
- Ludek Pachman (CZE)
- M. Muhitdinov (UZB)
- Eero Helme (FIN)
- Gerard Heynen (BEL)
- Ahmed Labib (EGY)
- Esam Ali Ahmed (EGY)

Welcome

The Organizer of the 74th FIDE Congress and 2003 World Youth Championships, Mr. Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou welcomed delegates and wished them fruitful deliberations. In his response, the FIDE President H.E. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov thanked FIDE Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos, Mr. Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou and the Greek Chess Federation for the excellent arrangements put in place for the comfort of the delegates.

1. Report of the President.

President Kirsan N. Ilyumzhinov presented his annual report.

He said that after last year's FIDE Congress in Bled, there have been two most important issues on our agenda namely: the World Championship cycle under the Prague Agreement and the expansion of the chess presence in the continental or regional Games under the aegis of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

President Ilyumzhinov briefed the Board on the situation regarding the cancellation of the Ponomariov-Kasparov World Chess Championship match 2003. He said that initially the match was scheduled to take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with the support of the then President of the Republic of Argentina H.E. Eduardo Duhalde. However, President Ilyumzhinov added that due to the change of Presidency in Argentina and the fact that the sponsors failed to raise the agreed prize fund, the event had to be moved. Mr. Ilyumzhinov said that after that, he had a meeting with the President of Ukraine, H.E. Leonid Kuchma, who personally issued a decree to organise the match in Yalta.

President Ilyumzhinov said that in between the series of deadlines set by FIDE for the players to commit to play the match, World Champion R. Ponomariov had made many requests and demands most of which were met by FIDE. However, Mr. Ponomariov did not comply with the 3rd deadline and FIDE had to cancel the match. President pointed out that GM Gary Kasparov was very cooperative and complied with all

FIDE's requests to commit to playing the match. He said that FIDE could not allow any individual to dictate to her the conditions for the staging of its World Championship matches.

He said that the knockout format introduced in 1995 in Singapore still remains reliable and announced that this year's Championship shall be taking place in April-May 2004 while the winner of this event shall play against GM Garry Kasparov.

President Ilyumzhinov said that the second matter relating to the efforts to include chess into the Olympic Programme started to bring real results as this year, chess was included in the Programme of the 8th All Africa Games in Abuja, Nigeria. He congratulated the team of Algeria who became the first winners and received Olympic medals. He expressed his thanks to all FIDE officials who were personally involved in the preparation of this event. President thanked, in particular, Executive Director Emmanuel Omuku for his efforts with the African Games. President Ilyumzhinov also congratulated Vice President Ignatius Leong for his success with the South East Asian Games (ASEAN) as well as Vice President Zurab Azmaiparashvili for his efforts as well as his personal triumph in winning this year's European Individual Championships.

President Ilyumzhinov said that he was in discussions with the leadership of the World Bridge Federation to create a joint strategy towards the inclusion of chess in the Olympic Programme. He said that one such possibility could be the creation of a Mind Sports Olympic Games. Mr. Ilyumzhinov said that, with the new leadership in the IOC there was need to formulate a different strategy from that adopted by FIDE under President Samaranch. President paid special tribute to Dr. Henry Kissinger for his support and suggestions in FIDE's effort to be part of the Olympic games.

Speaking to the issue of FIDE's financial state, President called for unity of purpose among its members. He added that there was a suggestion to move the FIDE office from Lausanne to Athens. He said that the Board would have to address this as well as other issues with a view to finding the right solution on the way forward for FIDE.

Section A: Administrative Matters.

Correction to the Minutes of the Executive Board/General Assembly at the 73rd FIDE Congress in Bled, Slovenia, 2002. Executive Director informed the Board that the corrections were mainly the issues pointed out by Treasurer David Jarrett. The corrections are as follows:

6.21. The correct word is "world" not "all".

6.7. The sentence is to be added. "All continents were given the option whether to accept the new proposals or to carry on with the old proposals. This followed strong reservation from the Americas. Only Continents that accepted the proposals would have the higher ceiling on tournament rating fees. The Continents that decided the old method was for them, would still have autonomy on the level of fees but in other respects would follow the old rules".

6.8. The last sentence should be replaced with the new sentence. "It was agreed to give a discount of 50% and that no Federation would pay more than CHF 4, 000 extra. (This being twice the level of the maximum fee payable under the old regulations)".

Affiliations and Exclusions.

2.1 Affiliations.

Executive Director Emmanuel Omuku informed the Board that the Presidential Board in the past had taken the view that the criteria for membership of FIDE as contained in the FIDE Statutes were to be construed strictly and that the application of the Chess Federation of Kosovo (Annex 1) for full, provisional or associate membership of FIDE could not have been considered by the Secretariat but for the persistence of the applicants.

Executive Board resolved not to grant the application of the Chess Federation of Kosovo for full, provisional or associate membership of FIDE in order not to create the precedent which could be used by various entities that are currently not full members of the IOC or the United Nations. The Board noted the exceptional decision taken by the Presidential Board to allow individual players to play under the United Nation flag in individual FIDE events.

2.2 Exclusions.

No federation was considered for exclusion.

2.3 Eligibility for participation in FIDE Competitions

Executive Board approved the proposal of Messrs. G. Makropoulos, I. Leong and M. Sand (Annex 2) to give possibilities for the payment of certain transfer fees to FIDE in the event that a player is registered by a Federation before the time limit when he shall become eligible to play for his new Federation in FIDE events.

Executive Board approved.

3. Financial Report.

3.1 Executive Board considered the Report of the FIDE External Auditors, Messrs. Ernst & Young (Annex 3) on the financial statement of FIDE for the period 1st January to 31st December 2002. It noted the supplementary notes to the account (Annex 4) and the Report of the Treasurer (Annex 5). It noted the recommendations of the FIDE Presidential Board (Annex 6), which met on 1st November 2003 and agreed to consider the recommendations and reports with that of the Verification Commission (Annex 7).

3.2 Permanent Fund Report.

Following the retirement of Mr. J. Bricola the new Permanent Fund Administrator GM Lucas Brunner of Crédit Suisse presented his report (Annex 8).

The Board noted and approved the report of Permanent Fund Administrator GM Lucas Brunner.

3.3 Report of the Auditor.

Chairman of the Verification Commission, Mr. Lakhdar Mazouz, presented the Report of his Commission. Mr. Mazouz added that his Committee had met previously in July to consider FIDE's finances, for which they presented a preliminary report (Annex 9) and that a subsequent meeting was held at the Congress which report (Annex 10) should now serve as an addendum to their preliminary report.

Deputy President Makropoulos drew the attention of members of the Executive Board to the financial state of FIDE and the fact that some of recommendations of the Verification Commission dwelt on how FIDE could carry on with its work by reducing expenses and ensuring that they were in line with budget. He drew particular attention to the recommendations made by the Presidential Board on measures that were necessary to cut down on the costs of the Secretariat. The Board noted that the Secretariat was being moved from Lausanne to Athens. It noted the decision of the Executive Director to resign on personal grounds in accordance with the terms of his contract and his acceptance of the offer of the FIDE President to work in the office of the World Chess Foundation in Lausanne as Assistant to the FIDE President and Representative to the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The Executive Board noted that the Presidential Board had resolved to terminate the contract of the staff of FIDE with the exception of the Elista office.

Deputy President Makropoulos informed the Executive Board that some of the measures taken by the Presidential Board, to reduce the administrative costs of FIDE, included the cancellation of the FIDE credit card and the establishment of an imprest account for FIDE expenses. He also added that a job description would be drawn up for the Executive Director and staff of the Secretariat.

Mr. Herman Hamers of the Royal Dutch Chess Federation pointed out that while he was appreciative of the measures taken by the Presidential Board to reduce FIDE's expenses, FIDE received an income of about CHF 360,000 and made an expenditure of about CHF 760,000 in the year 2003. He therefore queried how the budget would go especially in the light of the future financial plans emanating from the discussions at this year's Congress against the obvious scarcity of funds.

Treasurer Jarrett pointed out that he covered this in his written report. He added that most of FIDE's income arose in the second part of the year and almost invariably in the final quarter because of the way our regulations are written and almost as a result of the preponderance of events in the second half of the year, which have to be invoiced at the end of the year. Mr. Jarrett added that when the budget was prepared the previous year at the Bled Congress, he had anticipated a deficit of CHF 200,000 at the end of this financial year if there was no income from the World Championship. As to the budget going forward, he craved the indulgence of the Executive Board to revisit the matter and present the final budget to the Presidential Board for approval.

In his contribution, Deputy President Makropoulos said that in the course of the year, FIDE had spent money for the prize fund of the Continental Championships. He added that this was not money from some sponsor and that President Ilyumzhinov was once again coming to the aid of FIDE by covering these expenses through his contribution

of USD 500,000 to be paid in two instalments of USD 250,000 at the end of the year and USD 250,000 at the end of February 2004.

Mr. Mazouz said that the appointment of Mr. Omuku by the President to work in the World Chess Foundation and as Special Assistant to the FIDE President and Representative to the International Olympic Committee should not concern the Executive Board.

Vice-President Morten Sand replied that Mr. Omuku's appointment authorises him to carry out assignments on behalf of FIDE in relation to FIDE's relationship with the International Olympic Committee whenever the need arose.

Deputy President Makropoulos pointed out that Mr. Omuku's salary will be covered by the World Chess Foundation where he will be carrying out his primary assignment but that in his capacity as Assistant to the FIDE President and Representative to the International Olympic Committee, the President had proposed to the Presidential Board and the Board had approved that Mr. Omuku can attend all official meetings of FIDE.

In a motion proposed by Honorary President Florencio Campomanes and seconded by Vice President Ummer Koya, Mr. Campomanes said that in recognition of Mr. Omuku's long 7 years service to FIDE as Executive Director and having regard to the fact that the nature of his assignments in the vicinity of the President required services that cover 7 days a week and 25 hours a day, Mr. Campomanes craved the indulgence of the President to change the designation of Mr. Omuku to Special Assistant to the President and not just plain Assistant. Executive Board approved.

In his contribution, Dr. Peter Rajcsanyi of the Hungarian Chess Federation said that he observed in the 2002 balance sheet that the sum of USD 300,000 was maintained in the UBS account and wondered if a similar account was maintained this year in dollars due to the substantial loss of the Dollars to Euros valued at close to 30% decrease in value.

Responding, Treasurer Jarrett said that the dollar had not depreciated that far this year. He added that the dollar depreciated from 1.37 at the beginning of 2003 to 1.33 at its current rate. Mr. Jarrett stated further that the previous massive depreciation was in the last 3 months of 2002. He said the dollar balances have to be maintained at levels commensurate with FIDE's expenses in US dollars and FIDE's debts in US dollars, which are carried forward. Mr. Jarrett drew attention to the fact that in spite of the deficits in last years accounts there was a large profit on currency exchange in the previous year pointing out that last year was the first time that we had a deficit on the dollar account.

Mr. Kelleher of the United States Chess Federation asked if a mechanism had been put in place to reduce the large expense on cost of staff travel.

Deputy President Makropoulos replied that FIDE officials needed to undertake trips for the World Championships and to look for sponsors. He assured the Executive Board that effort would be made to ensure that trips were undertaken only when necessary. Mr. Makropoulos also said that the travel of the FIDE staff could only be

undertaken with the approval of the President and Deputy President.

Mr. Morten Sand reminded the Executive Board that a draft job description for the staff was being prepared.

Vice President Koya proposed that an account be opened in Euros to prevent losses in transferring moneys in US dollars to Swiss Francs account.

Treasurer Jarrett replied that with the eventual move of the Secretariat to Greece, an account would have to be opened in Euros.

Mr. Abd Majid Hamid of the Malaysian Chess Federation called on the Executive Board to look not only at the bigger expenditure but also at the smaller ones. He called for the FIDE websites, Directories and Handbooks to be regularly updated.

Treasurer Jarrett said that he agreed with Mr. Hamid and that the Handbook will be made up to date once the minutes of this Executive Board and its annexes were urgently brought out to the open.

Mr. Hammers proposed meetings of the Verification Commission to monitor FIDE's financial situation and report back to the Executive Board.

Deputy President Makropoulos replied that the Presidential Board would be able to monitor the situation with the Verification Commission.

Treasurer Jarrett clarified that on the whole, he held four meetings with the Verification Commission variously with the full membership and also with the Chairman before this meeting of the Executive Board.

Executive Board approved the report of the Verification Commission, the Report of the Treasurer and the Recommendations of the Presidential Board and discharged the Treasurer from his obligations.

Vice President Ignatius Leong moved for the Executive Board to give a vote of thanks to Mr. Omuku for his services to FIDE.

Deputy President Makropoulos pointed out that Mr. Omuku had been working for FIDE for many years even before he assumed office as Executive Director. He thanked Mr. Omuku for the efforts he put in for FIDE. He added that he was particularly pleased to have worked closely with Mr. Omuku over the years and thanked him and for the help he gave to him in his work as Deputy President.

In his contribution, Honorary President Campomanes traced the history of Mr. Omuku's relationship with FIDE pointing out that at a very young age he had seen the potential in him to be of service to FIDE. Mr. Campomanes said that Mr. Omuku stood out first as a player in the 70's and 80's and later as President of the African Chess Federation before serving for 7 years as Executive Director of FIDE. He said that with the nature of the job of Executive Director that required his total devotion to FIDE, that Mr. Omuku stood solid by the side of the President and the various members of the Board and gave so much of himself in the discharge of his duties that

he almost paid dearly with his health. Mr. Campomanes thanked Mr. Omuku for his outstanding contributions to the work of FIDE and moved that the Executive Board should give a standing ovation to Mr. Omuku.

Executive Board rose to applaud Mr. Omuku for his services to FIDE.

Mr. Omuku thanked members of the Board for the honour done him. He said that he could not have succeeded in the way enumerated by the previous speakers if not for the understanding and encouragement he received from the President, Deputy President, members of the Presidential Board, Chairmen and members of the various FIDE Commissions and Committees as well as National Federations. Mr. Omuku added that his commitment to chess and to FIDE was long lasting and assured members of the Executive Board of his willingness to continue to serve FIDE wherever his services were required.

4. Constitutional Committee.

Executive Director Omuku informed the Board that in the absence of most of the members of the Constitutional Committee no meeting was held.

5. FIDE meetings

5.1.1 3rd Quarter 2003 Presidential Board Meeting.

The meeting took place on Saturday, 1 November 2003, in Kallithea, Halkidiki, Greece (Annex 6).

5.1.2 4th Quarter 2003 Presidential Board Meeting.

It was felt that there was no need for the 4th quarter 2003 meeting to be held.

5.1.3 1st Quarter 2004 Presidential Board Meeting

Continental President Boris Kutin informed members of the Executive Board that the Prime Minister of Montenegro had extended an invitation to members of the Presidential Board to meet in his country in February 2004.

5.1.4 2nd Quarter 2004 Presidential Board

Continental President Nizar El Hadj informed members of the Executive Board that he was willing to host this meeting in Lybia.

5.2 75th FIDE Congress 2004.

Spanish Chess Federation President Javier Ochoa de Echaguen and the Director of the city of Calvia, Mr. Antonio Rami addressed the Board and assured members that the Spanish Chess Federation shall host the 75th FIDE Congress 2004 concurrent with the 36th Chess Olympiad.

Mr. Gelfer informed the Executive board that the decision to move the Congress and Olympiad from Menorca to Majorca had a positive effect on the preparations of Spain

to host these FIDE events.

5.2.1 76th FIDE Congress 2005.

Mr. Horst Metzger of the German Chess Federation informed the Executive Board that his Federation was interested in taking an option until the end of the year and to finalize the details with the Presidential Board as to the exact venue for the Congress.

Mr. Bill Kelleher of the United States Chess Federation informed the delegates that the USCF was interested in applying for the second option to host the 76th FIDE Congress concurrent with a major FIDE event such as the World Youth Team Championship.

Section B: Technical Commission.

Technical Commission Chairman Werner Stubenvoll presented his report (Annex 11). Mr. Stubenvoll added that his Commission summarized the duties of the Technical Commission and that a subcommittee for chess standards was set up. Mr. Stubenvoll also said that the new system for recording Chess moves electronically as presented by Ms. Brana Malobabic of Innere could be of interest and added that his Commission had agreed with Ms. Malobabic for her to arrange a test to be conducted in Canada in a tournament involving top level players such as Grandmasters and International Arbiters who will report their findings to his Commission.

Executive Board approved the report of Mr. Stubenvoll.

6. Rules and Tournament Regulations Committee.

Committee Chairman Geurt Gijssen presented his report (Annex 12). He drew particular attention on action to be taken after the start of the round and the mobile phone is found to be ringing.

Executive Board approved the report of Mr. Gijssen.

7. Swiss Pairings Committee.

Swiss Pairings Committee Chairman Christian Krause presented his report (Annex 13).

Executive Board approved.

Section C: Qualification Commission.

Qualification Commission Chairman Mikko Markkula presented his report (Annex 14).

Executive Board approved the report of the Qualification Commission Chairman as well as the list of over-the-board titles (Annex 15).

8. Titles and Ratings Committee.

Qualification Commission Chairman Mikko Markkula presented the report of this Committee (Annex 16).

He informed the Board of the resignation of Mr. Kevin O'Connell from the position of the Chairman of this Committee.

Executive Board confirmed the appointment of Dr. Dirk De Ridder of Belgium as the new Chairman of the Titles and Ratings Committee.

Executive Board approved the report of the Titles and Ratings Committee.

9. Arbiters' Council.

Arbiters' Council Chairman Panagiotis Nikolopoulos presented his report (Annex 17).

Executive Board approved the report of the Arbiters' Council Chairman as well as the new International Arbiters and FIDE Arbiters titles.

Section C: Chess Events Commission.

Executive Board noted that in the absence of Commission Chairman FIDE Vice President Steve Doyle, no meeting of the Commission was held.

10. World Championship Committee.

Committee Chairman FIDE Deputy President G. Makropoulos presented his report (Annex 18).

He drew attention of members of the Board to the documentation leading up to the cancellation of the Ponomarev-Kasparov World Championship Match. Mr. Makropoulos traced all efforts made by FIDE to reach a compromise with Mr. Ponomarev starting from the time of the Bled Olympiad. Mr. Makropoulos added that in Bled he had tried in company of FIDE Vice-President Azmaiparashvili to hold dialogue with the World Champion on the proposed regulations for the match. However, in spite of his efforts, Mr. Ponomarev's manager, Mr. Silvio Danilov informed them that Mr. Ponomarev would not be able to meet with them during the Olympiad. Mr. Makropoulos added that he even offered to meet with Mr. Ponomarev in the Ukraine during the Christmas holidays when the World Champion was in his training camp.

Deputy President Makropoulos went on to inform the Executive Board that after the World Champion failed to meet the first deadline given to him to formally declare his intention to play the match; he visited him in Wijk aan Zee with Grandmaster Zurab Azmaiparashvili in an effort to convince him to play the match. Mr. Makropoulos added that the conduct of World Champion Ponomarev on this occasion also left him in no doubt that he was either not willing or not interested in playing the match. He gave instances of attempts to meet with Mr. Ponomarev. On one occasion the World Champion was said to be sleeping when it was obvious that he had only just arrived a few minutes earlier to his hotel room. Mr. Makropoulos added that when they

eventually met over dinner, Mr. Ponomariov kept asking for documents that had already been sent to him from the FIDE Secretariat. He emphasized that contrary to the misinformation in the media that their presence led to the poor performance of the World Champion in the tournament, it was only after they met with him that Mr. Ponomariov went on to defeat Grandmaster Kramnik. Mr. Makropoulos also cited another instance, when Mr. Ponomariov's meeting in Moscow with the FIDE President, the Executive Director and Assistant to the President in the presence of the President of the Ukrainian Chess Federation Mr. Petrov and another official Mr. Timoshenko, also of Ukraine was portrayed in the media as another effort by FIDE to bully the Young Champion into accepting unfair terms.

Mr. Makropoulos went on to add that in all of FIDE's dealings with Mr. Ponomariov every effort was made to try to reach a compromise with him on virtually all the issues he raised. He added that FIDE accepted his request to extend the date of the match to June 2003. He also informed the Board that Mr. Ponomariov's request for the prize fund to be divided in a ratio of 55-45 between winner and loser instead of the 60-40 ratio previously agreed by FIDE was accepted. Mr. Makropoulos further stated that Mr. Ponomariov's request for FIDE's 20% to be above the prize fund of USD 1,000,000 (one million dollars) was accepted and that his request for the players to be given an advance from the prize fund was also granted. The World Champion's request for a Russian-speaking arbiter was granted. Mr. Makropoulos also said that the World Champion's request to conduct the Anti-Doping tests in a laboratory of any country outside the Russian Federation and Ukraine was accepted.

Mr. Makropoulos went on to inform the members of the Executive Board that there was even an attempt by the World Champion to deny the fact that he had agreed to play the match with Kasparov as a World Championship match as contained in the joint declaration he signed in Moscow. Mr. Makropoulos added that in the end there were two demands that FIDE could not meet. The first was Mr. Ponomariov's request to exclude from his contract any reference to the possibility for FIDE to replace the players during the match. Mr. Makropoulos explained that in the event that FIDE accepted this demand it would be placed in an awkward position should any of the players decide to embark on unreasonable requests or delays during the match. The second was Mr. Ponomariov's request for the exclusion of the free day before the tiebreak. On this point, the Deputy President pointed out that as far back as 6th January 2003 Mr. Ponomariov's trainer Grandmaster Silvio Danilov had asked for one free day before the tie break.

Mr. Makropoulos reiterated that from the conduct of the World Champion it was obvious, as he had pointed out long ago, that Mr. Ponomariov was prepared to advance any reason not to play the match.

The President of the Ukrainian Chess Federation Mr. Petrov in his comment said that the behaviour of World Champion Ruslan Ponomariov was that of a young man who was unfortunately under the influence of people with their own agenda to confront FIDE. He called on FIDE to try to find a solution in the completion of the World Chess Championship, as it was his opinion that the event should not be postponed from December to April. Mr. Petrov continued that FIDE's credibility could be damaged if the event is not finally held in April 2004.

Deputy President Makropoulos commended Mr. Petrov and described him as a man of honour.

Mr. Makropoulos went on to draw attention to the paper that was circulated amongst the delegates on the World Championship knockout tournament that would now be played with the possibility of splitting the event into 2, 3 or 4 groups. Mr. Makropoulos requested the Board to grant anticipatory powers to the President to decide on the details of the format to be submitted for approval by the World Chess Championship Committee along the basis of this split. He said that the idea behind this proposal is to spread the cost of hosting the entire event.

The Board resolved to confirm the decision of the FIDE President to cancel the 2003 Ponomariov-Kasparov World Chess Championship match. It also approved the proposal submitted by Deputy President G. Makropoulos to grant anticipatory powers to the FIDE President to approve the details of the format to be submitted by the World Chess Championship Committee on the splitting of the World Chess Championship (knockout) Tournament, now postponed from December 2003 to April-May 2004 into 2, 3 or 4 groups. It also resolved to open bids for the hosting of these events. It confirmed the proposal of the FIDE President that in line with the Prague Agreement, the winner of the World Chess Championship (knockout) Tournament will defend his title against Grandmaster Garry Kasparov while the final unification match will be held at a future date.

Regarding the proposal on the future cycles of the World Championships (Annex 19), Deputy President G. Makropoulos informed the Board that his Committee shall finalise the regulations in the light of recent developments in the World Championships.

Executive Board approved the report of the World Chess Championship Committee Chairman.

11. Organizers' Committee.

Committee Chairman Stewart Reuben presented his report (Annex 20). He invited the Continents to send names of nominees for the annual Presidents awards.

Executive Board approved the report of the Committee Chairman.

12. Youth and Junior Events Committee.

Committee Chairman P.T. Ummer Koya presented his report (Annex 21). He informed the Board of this Committee's proposal for the introduction of the World Inter-Continental Youth Team Championship.

In particular, Mr. Koya drew the attention of the Board to the recommendations of the Sub-Committee set up to examine the case of the players from Somalia Chess Federation, who absconded from the World Youth Championship. Mr. Koya reported that the Sub-Committee proposed to ban the Somalia Chess Federation from participating in all FIDE events for the next 3 years with immediate effect.

Executive Board approved.

Section D: Development Commission.

Commission Chairman Ignatius Leong presented his report (Annex 22). He called on FIDE to make special effort to the Development Commission and its Committees which he described as vital arteries in the body of FIDE

Executive Board approved the report of Mr. Leong.

13. CACDEC.

Co-CACDEC Chairmen Israel Gelfer and Allan Herbert presented their report (Annex 23). They pointed out that funds were badly needed to carry on with their work and that the CACDEC list will be constantly revised.

The Executive Board approved the report of the CACDEC Co-Chairmen, noting that the budget of CACDEC would be prioritised to reflect the reality of FIDE's finances.

14. Committee on Chess in Schools.

Committee Chairman Nicola Palladino presented his report (Annex 24).

Executive Board approved the report of Committee Chairman Nicola Palladino. In particular, it approved the recommendation for the Presidential Board to grant associate membership to organisations contributing to chess development in schools and at youth level and further approved that such organisations should be allowed to present players at youth and junior events.

15. Committee on Women's Chess.

In the absence of Committee Chairperson GM Xie Jun, Development Commission Chairman I. Leong presented the Committee's report (Annex 25). In particular the committee called for 4 regular women players to play in the Olympiads. Executive Board resolved to mandate the Presidential Board to study the modality of implementation of Board composition of 4 regular and 1 reserve in the men and womens sections starting from the 2004 Chess Olympiad.

Executive Board approved the report.

16. Players' Council/GM Steering Committee

Executive Board noted that no meeting was held.

17. Trainers' Committee.

In the absence of Committee Chairman GM Yuri Razuvaev, Development Commission Chairman I. Leong presented the Committee's report (Annex 26).

Executive Board approved the report of the Committee noting in particular that there

was urgent need to review the titles to be awarded by the Trainers Committee. Board also directed that guidelines should be put in place for the establishment of FIDE Chess Academics up to a maximum of 3 per continent.

18. Committee on Chess for the Disabled.

Committee Chairman Gerry Walsh presented his report (Annex 27).

Executive Board approved the report of the Committee and the award of the Most Esteemed Friend of FIDE to the IBIS Tournament of 2004.

Section E: Special Commission.

Executive Board noted that no meeting was held.

19. Chess Information, Publication and Statistics.

In the absence of Committee Chairman Alexander Roshal, Vice Chairman Gagik Oganessian presented his Committee's report (Annex 28).

Executive Board approved the report of the Committee.

20. Chess Art Exhibition and Philately Committee.

Committee Chairman GM Lothar Schmid presented his report (Annex 29). Mr Schmid informed the Board that the Chess Collectors International would like to put up an exhibition at the next Olympiad.

Executive Board approved.

21. Computer and Internet Chess Committee.

In the absence of Committee Chairman Jovan Petronic, Mr. Mahdi Abdul Rahman presented his report (Annex 30). Executive Board noted that the World Computer Chess Championship 2003 should be held in Graz, Austria from 22-30 November report of the Computer and Internet Chess Committee.

Executive Board approved the report of the computer and Internet chess Committee.

22. International Correspondence Chess Federation.

Treasurer Jarrett presented the list of titles on behalf of the ICCF for affirmation by the Executive board (Annex 31). Executive Board approved.

23. Permanent Commission of FIDE for Chess Composition.

The Executive Board noted the report of Commission President John Rice. (Annex 32) Mr. Vereshegin informed the Board that FIDE Honorary Vice President Andrei Selvanov was crowned World Champion for Chess Composition.

Section F: FIDE Medical Commission.

Commission Chairperson Dr. Jana Bellin presented her report (Annex 33). Dr Bellin informed the Board that the new regulation for Anti Doping that would be compliant with the requirements of WADA would be published and sent to WADA (Annex 34).

Executive Board approved.

Section G: Tournaments and Matches.

24. World Chess Championship.2003

This issue was taken up under point 10 of the Agenda (World Chess Championship Committee).

25. Women's World Championship 2004.

Executive Board applauded the announcement by FIDE Vice President Zurab Azmaiparashvili of Georgia that the Women's World Chess Championship shall be organised in Tbilisi, Georgia, in the period of May-June 2004 with a prize fund of USD 450, 000.

26. World Juniors and Girls Championships 2004.

Executive Board confirmed the decision of the FIDE Presidential Board at its meeting in Abuja, Nigeria, August 2003 to award to the All India Chess Federation, the rights to organise this event.

Mr. Koya informed the Board that the event should be organised during the period from 1 to 15 September 2004 in Calcutta or in Goa.

27. World Juniors and Girls Championships 2005.

Executive Board resolved to award the rights to organise this event to the Turkish Chess Federation (Annex 35).

28. World Juniors and Girls Championships 2006 and 2007.

Executive Board approved the organisation of these events by the Armenian Chess Federation (Annex 36).

29. World Youth Championship 2003.

The Board noted that the Greek Chess Federation was currently organising this event in Halkidiki, which proved to be an outstanding success with more than 1000 players from 87 countries participating for the Youth titles in all the categories (boys and girls).

30. World Youth Championship 2004.

The Board noted that the Greek Chess Federation should organise these events in Heraklion, Crete, after the Olympiad in November.

31. World Youth Championship 2005.

The Board noted that the French Chess Federation should organise this event in Belfort in November 2005.

32. World Youth Championship 2006.

The Board noted that the All India Chess Federation should organise this event in October 2006.

33. World Youth Championship 2007.

The Board awarded the hosting of the 2007 World Youth Championship to the Turkish Chess Federation (Annex 37).

34. World Youth Championship 2008

Executive Board approved that ASEAN shall organise the 2008 World Youth championship in Vietnam (Annex 38).

35. World Seniors Championships 2004.

The Board noted that the German Chess Federation should organise this event in Halle/Salle in October-November 2004.

36. World Seniors Championships 2005.

The Board noted that several Federations expressed interest in the organisation of this event (France, Russia, Turkey).

37. World Seniors Team Championship 2004.

The Board approved the proposal of the British Chess Federation to organise the inaugural World Seniors Team Championship in the Isle of Man (Annex 39).

38. World Amateur Championship 2004 & 2005.

The Board awarded the rights to organise the 2004 event to Chess South Africa in Cape Town (Annex 40).

The Board awarded to the Slovak Chess Federation the rights to organise the 2005 World Amateur Championship in Piestany (Annex 41).

39. World Chess Championship 2003 for Rapid Chess.

The Board noted that the event had been organised in Cap d'Agde, France from 23 to 30 October 2003 and that GM Viswanathan Anand had become the new World Rapid

Chess Champion (Annex 42).

40. World Chess Championship for Rapid Chess 2004.

No bids were received for this event.

41. World Chess Championship for Rapid Chess 2005.

The Board approved the hosting of this event in Cap d'Agde, France, upon approval of regulations by World Championship Committee and Presidential Board.

42. Olympiads.

a. 36th Chess Olympiad 2004.

Executive Board noted and approved the 2004 Chess Olympiad shall take place in Calvia (Majorca Island) during the period from 14 to 31 October 2004.

b. 37th Chess Olympiad 2006.

Executive Board noted and approved that the 2006 Chess Olympiad would be organised by the city of Turin during the period from 20 May to 4 June 2006.

c. 38th Chess Olympiad 2008.

The Board noted the interest expressed by the Chess Federations of Germany, Armenia, Sweden and Argentina to bid for the Chess Olympiad 2008 and resolved that the decision to award this event, shall be taken at the 75th FIDE Congress in Calvia, Majorca, Spain.

Executive Board further resolved that the bids for the Olympiad 2008 shall remain open until 15 April 2004 in order to allow any interested country to submit a formal bid, after which the Bid Committee shall visit the prospective venues and present a report to be considered by the General Assembly before the winning city is announced.

d. Future hosting and funding of Olympiads

Members of the Executive Board considered the joint proposal of Deputy President G. Makropoulos and Executive Board member Israel Gelfer (Annex 43). The proposal as was pointed out by the 2 sponsors was meant to ease the financial obligations of potential organizers as well as creating a new source of income for FIDE.

In the healthy discussion on the subject, members of the Board readily agreed on the proposal to reduce the number of rounds in the Olympiad from 14 to 11. There was also general agreement to change the minimum number of 9 games in the Olympiad as counting as 12 games for the purpose of obtaining a title.

However, with regard to the proposal that all Federations except CACDEC members should pay a minimum of USD 25 per person per day for accommodation, this matter as well as the payment of a fee of USD 350,000 to FIDE by bidders of the Olympiad

starting from the 2008 Olympiad, was the outstanding issue that had to be resolved. Following several debates Executive Board by vote of 14 in favour, 9 against and 1 abstention resolved to implement the payment of the minimum fee of USD 25 per player per day by Federations from non-CACDEC countries. It further resolved that a committee, comprising Honorary President F. Campomanes, Continental President N. Elhaj, FIDE Executive Board members B. Kelleher and I. Gelfer be appointed to establish a criteria for deciding on those Federations (that may not include only CACDEC members) to be considered for exemption in the payment of fees. Executive board also resolved that a fee of USD 350,000 should be paid to FIDE by successful bidders starting from the 2008 Olympiad.

43. World Team Championship 2005.

Executive Board noted that this event should be organised by the All India Chess Federation in Goa.

44. World Team Championship 2009.

No bid was received for this event.

45. World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiads 2004 & 2005.

The Board noted that the event should be organised by the All India Chess Federation.

46. World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2006.

The Board awarded the right to organise this event to the Turkish Chess Federation in Antalya-Izmir.

47. World Youth Team Championship 2005.

The US Chess Federation was granted the option to organize this event.

48. World Major Open Championship 2004.

The Board approved the proposal of the British Chess Federation to organise the inaugural World Major Open Championship in Scarborough in 2004 (Annex 44).

Section H: Reports of Continental Presidents.

In keeping with the new autonomy of Continental Assemblies, each Continent shall draw up its agenda and advise the FIDE General Assembly on the events as approved at its Continental Assembly. In addition to their usual reports, Continental Presidents are required to produce their annual accounts for their respective Assemblies with copies to the FIDE Treasurer.

49. Report of European Continental President.

Continental President for Europe Boris Kutin presented his report (Annex 45).

The Executive Board approved the report of the Continental President for Europe.

50. Report of Continental President for Americas.

Continental President for the Americas Mr. Jorge Vega presented his report (Annex 46).

Executive Board approved the report of the Continental President for the Americas.

51. Report of Asian Continental President.

In the absence of Continental President for Asia, Mr. Khalifa Al-Hitmi, Vice President P.T. Ummer Koya presented the report of the meeting of the Asian Continental Assembly (Annex 47). The Executive Board was informed that the Asian Assembly in Halkidiki had passed a vote of no confidence in the Continental President. The Executive Board resolved that under the FIDE statutes it was precluded from taking decision on any electoral matter and that such powers belong only to the General Assembly. In the meantime, the Board further resolved that in accordance with statutes, the Continental President will continue to exercise the duties of his office. It noted that Deputy President for the Continent Mr. Amar Houry, who was appointed to act as President, could only act in the course of the Congress as a result of the absence of Continental President Khalifa Al-Hitmi.

52. Report of African Continental President.

Continental President Mr. Nizar Elhaj presented his report (Annex 48).

The Board approved the report of the Continental President for Africa.

Section I: Other Matters.

Declaration of the Year 2004 as the Year for the late World Champion Tigran Petrosian of Armenia.

The Board noted that at the instance of the Armenian Chess Federation, Presidential Board at its meeting in Abuja, Nigeria, 17 August 2003, resolved to declare the year 2004 as the year in honour of World Champion Tigran Petrossian.

Chess in School Year.

At the instance of the International Chess in School Union (Annex 49), Executive Board confirmed the year 2005 as the year of Chess in Schools.

Affiliated International Organisations.

Commonwealth Chess Association President P.T. Ummer Koya submitted the report of his Association (Annex 50).

The Board noted the report of the Commonwealth Chess Association.

Awards.

FIDE President presented the award of the Gold Medal of Merit to Mr. Sergey Momot of the Ukraine for his outstanding contribution to the development of chess.

Closing

Executive Board resolved to thank Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos, Mr.Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou and the Greek Chess Federation for the successful organization of the 2003 FIDE congress in Halkidiki

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