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 Subject: Re: Possible meeting in Athens_Behavioural norms chess players

Dear Roberto,

It would be a great pleasure for me to meet with you on 26 July, evening, if it is possible for you, because now in summer I leave from Athens during weekends (from Friday afternoon to Sunday late night).

But in case that we will not be able to meet, I can tell you my opinion in the two subjects you are mentioning in your email.

Regarding the behavioural rules for the players, in my opinion a new article must be included in the FIDE Tournament Rules, in paragraph 14 (The conduct of the players), before anything could be applied by the Arbiters in any tournament. Otherwise the players can deny everything.

In Estonia I mentioned this to the members of the PB during the meeting, and the President said that this has to be arranged.

So I believe we have to address to the Rules and Tournament Regulations Committee first and ask them (Mr. Gijssen is the Chairman of this committee) to include a new relative article, as I wrote above (I believe this can be approved in the FIDE Congress in Antalya).

But regarding the forthcoming big events (World tournament in Mexico, World Cup in Chanty Mancysk, etc.), in my opinion, we have to ask the Committee who is making the tournament regulations to include the following paragraphs (or something like this) into the paragraph 3.10 (Playing Conditions) :

3.10. Playing Conditions

3.10.1(as it is)

3.10.2(as it is)

Addition

3.10.3 The players shall shake hands (or shall greet each other in a normal social manner in accordance with the conventional rules of their society) before the start and after the end of each game.

3.10.4 If a player fails to meet the requirements of 3.10.3 and after being asked to do so by the arbiter, then the following penalty may be imposed by the Chief Arbiter : 5% of his prize money shall be forfeited to the Organizers and a further 5% to FIDE for each breach. In cases of serious misconduct the player may be disqualified from the tournament.

So the case will be covered until we can have the new tournament rule approved by the FIDE Congress.

Regarding the case of the Moroccan Arbiters, the Arbiters Council had a meeting in Turin and discussed the subject and realized that there were some problems (signatures missing, different dates on the applications, etc) with some of the norms for the IA titles. So the Council decided to send the case to the Ethics Commission and the Secretary of the Council, Dr. Dirk de Ridder, who is also a member of the Ethics Commission, would send all papers to the EC. I believe it could be better if you would invite Dr. De Ridder to Athens for the case of the Moroccan Arbiters.

With best regards

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