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Minutes

**Ethics Commission
29 May 2006**

Chairman: Mr. W. Kelleher

Present: R. Alt (GER), A. Schuering (NED), M. Sand (NOR), P. Rajscanyi (HUN), T. Bae (NOR), H. Semlali (MAR), H. Hamers (NED), G. Boyce (TRI), N. Tabbane (TUN), S. Reuben (ENG), L. Ball (RSA), T. Hongwei (CHN), Dwi Ambarukwi (INA), H. Elgendy (EGY), J. Borg (MLT), U. Blanco (VEN), L. Verat (FRA), J-C. Moingt (FRA), K. O'Connell (IRI), W. Iclicki (MNC), J-M. Rapaire (MNC), M. Nolan (USA), R.Chedly (TUN), N. Freeman (BER).

The Ethics Commission met on May 30th. The Commission has come up with a number of recommendations to improve its work.

Recommendations:

- 1 The membership of the Commission should be increased to at least seven members.
- 2 Consideration should be given to candidates with legal experience.
- 3 The Commission should be provided with a budget sufficient to do its work efficiently.
- 4 The Commission needs increased cooperation with the Secretariat in order to insure that its decisions will stand up in court.
- 5 The Commission also needs to increase its cooperation with the technical committees in order have the necessary information to make correct decisions.

The Commission also discussed a number of decided and ongoing cases:

Decided Cases:

Complaint of German Chess Federation vs. Miroslav Shvarts: (Annex 9).

GM Attila Czebe, is listed as a banned player, but it has been learned that he was not involved the fraud. Therefore the Commission revokes the ban with apologies to GM Czebe.

Complaint against the Organizers of the Youth World Chess Championship 2005 in Belfort France. (Annex 10)

The Commission noted that measures had already been taken against the organizer, Mr. Touze, and that no further measures were necessary. The Commission is concerned with the irregularity that a penalty was imposed on Mr. Touze by the Executive Board before his case was heard by the Commission

Ongoing Cases:

Complaint of the French Federation vs the web site ChessFidelity:

Due to a lack of sufficient evidence the Ethics Commission has deferred comment on this case until after the FIDE Presidential Election. There was disagreement among the members of the Commission about whether or not it had the right to involve itself in electoral matters. However a majority of the members of the Commission who were in attendance were of the opinion that the Commission did have the right to decide cases involving electoral matters.

Complaint against the Moroccan Chess Federation concerning the awarding of fraudulent International Arbiter titles:

The Commission decided to defer a decision on this case until after it receives the report of the Arbiters Council. This case has been delayed because the Ethics Commission has not been able to get accurate information about the validity of the titles. This case highlights the need for increased cooperation between FIDE's various committees.

Chairman: William Kelleher