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**Technical Commission
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Chairman: Dr. A. Filipowicz (POL)

Present: H. Turdialiev (UZB), T. Tikkanen (SWE), V. Tsorbatzoglou (GRE), E. Androni (GRE), I. Vereschagin (RUS), R. Smith (TRI), A. Schuering (NED), E. Mouridsen (DEN), E. Celi (URU), M. Markkula (FIN), M. Abdul Rahim (UAE), A. Kusima (POL), S. Press (PNG), L. Ncube (ZAM), P. Nikolopoulos (GRE), A. Vardapetian (ARM), S. Reuben (ENG), H. Elgendy (EGY), R. Gibbons (NZL), S. Djuric (SRB), M. Bratosevic (CRO), S. Milivojevic (SRB), O. Solakoglu (TUR), K. Deventer (GER), F. Reyes (MEX), A. Vasse (NED), R. Anantharan (IND), K. Pekar (SVK), M. Leyitt (RSA), E. Price (RSA), P. eun Hye (KOR), G. Altanoch (MNG), J. Berglund (PLW),

1. Opening

Chairman welcomed the Honorary FIDE President Mr. Florencio Campomanes, all members of the Commission and observers.

Endorsement of electronic chess clocks

Chairman informed that all testers gave positive opinions concerning DGT 2010 clock and negative opinions regarding the Garde electronic clock. The main remarks were sent to Mr. Zimmermann, the representative of the Garde clock producers and they are trying to prepare the new version of the clock.

Chairman took part in the FIDE Presidential Board meeting in Athens (May 30-June 1, 2008) and introduced the results of the clocks testing. FIDE Presidential Board has endorsed the DGT 2010 and passed the matter to the GA.

On request of the FIDE Presidential Board, Chairman of the TC prepared the Regulations for the Blitz and Rapid World Championships.

Problem of “Blockading chess cheaters” using computers during games, discussed in Torino, was sent to the FIDE Ethic Commission and they will prepare the penalties.

2. Information about Rules Committee and Swiss Pairing Committee

Mr. Geurt Gijssen reported about the decisions of the Committee meetings which were held in the presence of many members of the TC.

Mr. Christian Krause added that new pairing programs to be endorsed must have the proper pairing procedure and create the TRL Report.

3. Proposal of the Philippines Chess Federation

President of the Philippines National Chess Federation Mr. Prospero Pichay proposes that only citizens can represent a nation in a FIDE team events.

After discussion the Commission decided to transfer the problem to the FIDE Constitutional Committee with the suggestion to take into consideration the IOC rules.

4. Olympiad regulations and Olympic Pairing Rules

Mr. Almog Burstein said that results of the new Olympic Pairing Rules were not satisfied because the big number of teams in the score groups based on the match points.

During the discussion a few delegates mentioned that the final ranking of teams will be difficult to understand by journalist, sponsors and federations because of the special team Sonneborne Berger system used for the tie-break.

5. The rate of play in the classical Chess, rapid and blitz

The Chairman informed about the rate of play proposed in the World Rapid and Blitz Chess Championships, i.e.: G=15'+5'' and G=4'+2'' respectively.

Dr. Andrzej Filipowicz
Chairman