Minutes of the Verification Commission 18 October 2011, Krakow, Poland

Present from the Verification Commission were Chairman Graham Boxall and Secretary Ruth Haring. Commission member Joran Aulin-Jansson was not in attendance and will arrive at the Congress tomorrow. The commission meeting was attended by Herman Hamers (NED), Joanna Pomian (FRA), Damir Levacic (FRA), Jorge Vega (GUA), Viktor Kapustin (UKR), Allan Herbert (Barbados), Arthur Schuering (NED) and Willy Ickicki (MON). Fide Treasurer Nigel Freeman and Executive Director David Jarrett were on hand to answer questions about the budget and office operations.

Mr. Boxall opened the meeting with introductions and opening remarks about the work of the Verification Commission in Athens in August 2011 noting by recitation of the report of the external auditor that the FIDE accounts were audited for the year ending 31 December 2010 and are in compliance with Swiss law.

The meeting members reviewed in some detail the report of the Verification Commission, August, 2011 and the budget and actual figures for the year 2010 provided in the document entitled Supplementary Notes to the Accounts (Annex 3). Nigel Freeman answered questions from the floor on the budget and actual figures.

It was suggested by those attending the meeting that the Verification Commission should have worded some parts of the recommendations in its report more strongly. In that connection

- commercial contracts with outside parties should be reviewed and settled by an appropriately-qualified legal expert before being finalized,
- the Commission has requested detail on legal charges for the Karpov case but has not yet had time to complete detailed analysis to determine if the extraordinary costs were reasonable or excessive; the meeting requested an interim report on the results of this analysis when completed, and

 the meeting wanted to know the mechanism for implementation of the recommendations of the Verification Commission and which FIDE Official yould be responsible for so doing.

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