

**FIDE Congress
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General Assembly
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MINUTES

0.1. Obituaries.

We mourn the passing in the preceding year of friends of FIDE among whom we remember:

GM Vugar Gashimov (AZE)
IA Jean-Paul Touze (FRA)
GM, IA Gyula Sax (HUN)
GM Andrei Kharlov (RUS)
Mr. Selimir Manojlovic (SRB) –Vice President of the Serbian Federation
GM Dragoljub Velimirovic (SRB)
Mr. Rafael Tudela (VEN) – former FIDE Vice-President
GM Marcel Sisniega Campbell (MEX)
GM Robert E Byrne (USA)
GM Dmitry Chuprov (RUS)
GM Milan Matulovic (SRB)
WGM Alexandra van der Mije (NED)
IM John A Grefe (USA)
IM Lazslo Zsinka (HUN)
IM Zbigniew Doda (POL)
IM Sinisa Joksic (SRB)
FM Ali Ipek (TUR)

0.2. Report of the Electoral Commission.

Ms. Margaret Murphy, Chairperson of the Electoral Commission reported the work of Electoral Commission.

Ms. Margaret Murphy reported of 3 meetings in the Electoral Commission, the first one being held in Athens July 13-14. There were also meetings on August 2nd in Tromsö where the proxies were discussed, August 8th to verify the reassignment of the proxies. On August 8th the documents were published on the FIDE website.

Mr. Nigel Short asked several questions about proxies, about the definition of proxies and about the validation of proxies. Ms. Margaret Murphy referred to the FIDE electoral regulations.

Mr. Georgios Makropoulos noted that there are several cases covered by the statutes and General Assembly is not the place to discuss the electoral statutes and asked if there were any further questions related to the work of Electoral Commission.

Mr. Essoh Jean Mathieu Claude Essis raised the question of the Gabon representative. Ms. Margaret Murphy replied that the Electoral Commission made decisions according

to the provided documents.

Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov mentioned that the changes in electoral statutes can be discussed further in the future. Below are the comments to the question raised by the Gabon representative:

Mr. Geoffrey Borg made a remark that in 2012 the statutes were clearly defined and discussed between the two parts and suggested to move forward with the agenda of GA.

Mr. Ignatius Leong said that in Istanbul 2012 the General Assembly had 2 federations to be recognized.

Mr. Georgios Makropoulos stressed again that the Electoral Commission made the decisions based on the documents sent to them and according to the statutes.

Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov replied to Mr. Ignatius Leong that it would have been a job of General Secretary to deal with these questions.

Mr. Garry Kasparov made a remark that the work done in Istanbul and in Tallinn was very productive. He reminded that it was suggested that the matters of the proxies to be decided independently by the third party. He added that there were numerous questions which were decided one-sidedly. When the proof of proxies was asked, it was denied and there was no proof of transferring the proxies. There was a request to provide native documents.

Ms. Margaret Murphy from the Electoral Commission said that the responsibility of the Electoral Commission was to discuss, vote and make a decision and that the decisions were based on the documents received. There hadn't been any complaints from the federations.

Mr. Garry Kasparov expressed his wonder why he did not see any proof.

Ms. Margaret Murphy noted that there needs to be trust and added that the remark has been noted and if the proxies are stamped and signed, then they were valid.

Mr. Georgios Makropoulos mentioned that there were no complaints about proxies from any of the federations.

Mr. Nigel Short reminded the chairman of the Electoral Commission that she has to reply to all the questions and comments.

0.3. Roll call.

Mr. Nigel Freeman made a roll call to establish the quorum. Out of 176, 174 delegates were present. The quorum was established. General Assembly proceeded with the election of Scrutineers.

Nominated were Mr. Kevin Bonham (AUS), Mr. Graham Boxall (JCI), Mr. Hesham Elgendy (EGY), Ms. Carol Jarecki (IBV) and Mr. Paris Klerides (CYP).

73 votes for Mr. Kevin Bonham (AUS)
63 votes for Mr. Graham Boxall (JCI)
104 votes for Mr. Hesham Elgendy (EGY)
Overwhelming majority of votes in favour of Ms. Carol Jarecki (IVB)
111 votes for Mr. Paris Klerides (CYP)

Mr. Hesham Elgendy, Ms. Carol Jarecki and Mr. Paris Klerides were appointed as Scrutineers by majority of the votes.

1. Report of the President.

President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov delivered his annual report.

FIDE President's Report, FIDE General Assembly, Tromsö, Norway, 11th of August.

Dear delegates of the General Assembly of the 85th FIDE Congress! Ladies and gentlemen!

It's a pleasure for me to welcome you in Norway in a small, but cosy town of Tromsö. Many of you have already managed to walk around in this wonderful town and do some sightseeing and boat trips.

The 41st Chess Olympiad has reached its final stage. I would like to note a high level of organization and in this connection once again like to thank our hospitable host: municipality and people of Tromsö, the Organizing Committee and Norwegian Chess Federation, sponsors and volunteers, but first of all the most cordial gratitude to the Government of Norway which has done everything possible for the Olympiad and FIDE Congress to take place.

Dear delegates! We have a very big agenda and forthcoming elections of FIDE Continental and Zonal Presidents, we have to decide on the venue of 2018 Chess Olympiad, which means we all have to very active during the coming days.

I do realize that the elections is the top item on the agenda, therefore my report will be brief.

As you are aware, the World Championship match which ended by victory of Norwegian wonder child Magnus Carlsen, took place in Chennai in November 2013. Please join me once again in congratulations to this remarkable Grand Master and Norwegian Chess Federation with its outstanding success. I would also like to note, that World Champion is also a top rated player in the world. The match was organized superbly and for this I'm especially grateful to Vice President of FIDE, Mr. Sundar, All India Chess Association and the match organizing committee. The match prize fund was 2,55 mln USD with the total budget of the event exceeding 5 mln USD.

During my discussion with the Tamil Nadu State President H. E. Ms. Jayaram Jayalalithaa, I expressed my gratitude for my patience as all of you know Chennai had been candidate for this match 2 years earlier and I also thanked Tamil Nadu State Government for the support of the development of the chess, especially for inclusion of chess into school curriculum in this province. This match would set a good model of interaction between a National Chess Federation with local state and government bodies in respect of development of chess.

Next important event for us the Candidate Tournament. Once again brilliantly organized by Khanty-Mansiysk. The Mayor of Khanty-Mansiysk, President of the Ugra Vasily Filipenko is present here among our guests and I would like him to pass our

most sincere gratitude to the leadership and the government of Ugra and personally Governor Natalya Komarova. It's a pleasant fact that the interest to this event broadcast was higher than the once to the previous Candidate Tournament in London. Chess lovers in 207 countries and territories visited the official site and could enjoy the games transmissions through Chess casting application created by FIDE.

This year's calendar was full of the vents organized in Khanty-Mansiysk with the above mentioned tournaments and the Presidential Board in March, 4th Womens' Grand Prix stage in April, followed by Women's World Rapid and Blitz Championships.

The 5th stage of the Women's Grand Prix was organized in June in a picturesque Lopota in Georgia and a final 6th tournament was moved, will take place in Sharjah instead of Mongolia. The change was due a serious illness of the President of the Mongolian Chess Federation which unfortunately interfered with the activity with this federation.

Dubai has successfully organized Men's World Rapid and Blitz Championship with the unique situation when one player Magnus Carlsen has having become World Champion in all the formats.

We are going to announce final schedule for the new series of the Men's Grand Prix Tournament. This year 2 legs will be organized in October-November in Baku and Tashkent respectively and the other two legs will take place early next year.

The Opening Ceremony of the World Championship match between Magnus Calrsen and Viswanathan Anand is scheduled in November 7th of Sochi. The match will take place in the Olympic Park area which is 5 minute drive the international airport. The managers and the representatives of both teams can select their accommodation from the substantial number of new hotels built for the winter Olympics. The match will be held in EXPO Centre which was home for the Winter Olympics media centre and is equipped with latest technologies.

In February I took part in the 12th Russian chess players Congress where a renowned chess sponsor Andrey Filatov was elected as President. As you know Mr. Filatov was a sponsor for the World Championship Anand-Gelfand match in the State Tretyakov Gallery as well as Alekhine Memorial organized in the Louvre and St. Petersburg Russia Museum.

During this period I have visited great number of countries such as Tunisia, Turkey, India, France, South-Africa, UAE, UK, Kazakhstan, Angola, Togo, Nigeria, Cameroon, El Salvador, Mexico, Armenia, Japan, Georgia, South Korea, Serbia, FYROM and many others. Our official site has all the respective reports on my trips. During these working trips I have spoken with many leaders of the countries and governments as well as ministers in charge of primary high and higher education, presidents of the national Olympic committees, ministers of sports and presidents of the chess federations of these countries.

Few words about my visit to the Central Americas region in February in Nicaragua I met with the President of the Olympic Committee Mr. Salmeron who is also a President of Central American Countries NOC. In El Salvador I had negotiations with the President of the Sports Institute Mr. Jimenez and in Mexico with the VICE President of the National Olympic Committee Mr. De la Torre. As you know in Mexico chess in schools program will be implemented from next year where chess will be available for children to all 2000 schools in Mexico. In Paraguay the Senate has also approved chess in schools and the president of the country is going to sign the draft programme.

A Hungarian Grand Master Susan Polgar has been doing a lot to teach chess in schools and together with Ms. Polgar we managed to meet with Georgia Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili and Georgian Minister of Youth and Sports Levan Kipiani who is also a

guest of our General Assembly.

In March I travelled to Chinese Taipei to discuss with the Minister of Education possibilities of signing a contract on cooperation between the FIDE, the Ministry and the National Federation. During the discussion with the National Olympic Committee an active part was played by the Chinese Taipei Chess Association Chairman Mr. Szu-Chuen Tsai and General Secretary of the Association Mr. Ko-Fei Liu.

During my working visits to this part of Asia, such as South Korea, I have noticed a following tendency with chess gaining greater popularity among kids, although other popular games such as go and computer games create a big competition which influences the attraction of sponsor moneys to organize chess tournaments in this region. In June I participated in the Closing Ceremony of the French speaking countries Tournament in Beirut. It's very pleasant to note an increase in activities in AIDEF led by Mr. Patrick Van Holland. The tournament was very well organized and very good job has been done by the organizing committee and the Lebanese Chess Federation headed by Mr. Nabil Badr. I personally have seen huge billboards advertising the event in the whole city of Beirut.

Not long before the start of the Olympiad I was invited to the meeting of national federations, members of European Zone 1.5. There has been contractive detailed dialogue on the further development in chess in schools program implementation. President of the Montenegro Chess Federation Angelina Vukovic has briefed me about presentation in chess in schools program in Montenegro prepared by them.

I will not tire you be mentioning all my trips and I have met many of you here during these visits and I am very grateful to all leaders and staff of national federations who despite complicated economic situation in the world do the outmost and work with all their heart for the sake of our favourite game.

As I mentioned that all my working visits agendas include meetings with the heads of states, ministers of education and sports and presidents of the NOCs to discuss important issues. In 117 countries chess is recognized as a sport and practically in the same amount of countries the chess federations are members of NOCs. The numbers are not good, but on the other hand we have yet some space to work especially in such countries as US, UK and Sweden for example as recognition of chess as sport in this countries would substantially increase the budgets of national federations for chess developments.

During my trips to many countries I have reached preliminary agreements for grants for the students to study in the Russian Physical State Academy as chess trainer as well as Russian State Social University on the same subject. With first 4 students there having started their studies. I'm invited all chess federations to consider this possibility and send applications in case they want young people from their countries to study chess and become trainers.

Last November in Vladivostok I attended an opening Ceremony of a Youth tournament organized Far-East University, the venue of the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit. The university has a chess club, hotels, hostels able to accommodate up to 5000 guests thus giving us another place for organizing chess events of any level or size. With the administration and management of the university and local authorities fully supporting the idea of international chess tournaments held there.

It is a pleasure for me to inform you that elegant grandiose chess palace was opened in Sharjah and this will be a venue for a last part of Women's Grand Prix. Soon the three floor chess palace will open in Ashgabat, the capitol of Turkmenistan, speaking about chess infrastructure. As for Moscow, I personally participated in the opening and financing of chess clubs in two leading Russian Universities – Moscow State University and Moscow University of Foreign Affairs.

I would like to wish all the delegates a fruitful and productive work. Gens una sumus!
We are one family!

Mr. Nigel Short and Mr. Prospero Pichay asked questions to the FIDE President.

Mr. Nigel Short claimed that the FIDE President is not forthcoming on the questions of corruption and referred to a Memorandum signed by the President and between FIDE and the former President of the English Chess Federation.

Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov explained that he is not a beneficiary of this memorandum. The contract was signed with Mr. Andrew Paulson and was also published on the FIDE website. He added that his financial reports are public and visible.

Cote d'Ivoire delegate Mr. Essoh Jean Mathieu Claude Essis tried to usurp the floor, but FIDE Treasurer proceeded to present his financial report.

2. Financial report.

2.1. Report of the Auditors.

[Annex 1](#) is Accounts for 2013.

2.2. Treasurer's report.

[Annex 2](#) is notes for the accounts.

Mr. Nigel Freeman made a short overview of the report.

Mr. Nigel Short asked a question about the AGON deposit.

Mr. Nigel Freeman replied that FIDE had agreed that as AGON had paid for the London Grand Prix, which they did not expect to do, FIDE would not push for the deposit.

Mr. Ali Nihat Yazici asked about legal fees that were incurred by Kasparov supporters after previous elections and who would be going to pay 1 million back.

Mr. Nigel Freeman advised that this should be dealt with under legal matters.

Mr. Ian Wilkinson urged the delegates not to ask questions about AGON or Leong contract, because the matter is with the FIDE Ethics Commission.

On the next day, Mr. Nigel Freeman asked that, as the new Treasurer has just been elected, the budget should be approved by the Presidential Board. No objection was made.

Mr. Garry Kasparov said: As we are talking about money, I just want to clarify a couple of things which I think are very important for FIDE and the Assembly. I understand that FIDE will be very well funded because \$20 million is on the way, that is what I understood. Now I take what was said seriously, definitely my words and since FIDE is well funded and its probably 6 or 7 FIDE annual budgets, I would like

Mr. President and the PB to consider to follow my suggestions that I wanted to implement if elected. Why don't we forgive all the debts of National Federations and why do you not cut by 50% all the fees? If FIDE has so much money in the account as promised by Mr. President, why do you still need money from the Federations? So I think that it is an important issue and was in my programme and if you want to follow the interests of the National Federations, I believe that it is the right time to show generosity, to be gracious and to help Federations that were so loyal to the current administration and to relieve both from debt and to the fees that are being raised every year. That's one suggestion and also second one and is just to Mr. President: there were a couple of other things mentioned there and I would like to address them as well. The fund for Africa has been created if that is what I understand correctly and \$500,000 has been transferred there. I would like to know the jurisdiction of this Foundation and the \$100,000 you graciously offered to the Kasparov Chess Foundation, I would like you to add to this \$500,000. But I think it is quite important to also make announcements as those are money which will be spent, to our fellow delegates and to member Federations. So those are my suggestions, again I would ask to respond number one, which is forgive all the debts of National Federations and cut the fees by 50% if FIDE is so well funded. I think this idea will be well received by the floor. Thank you very much.

Mr. Nigel Freeman said: thank you very much. I was just asking a question about the budget delay, obviously everything will be discussed when approving the budget.

Mr. Georgios Makropoulos said: concerning the idea of eliminating fees or cutting the fees, for me eliminating fees, let us say to 50% of the minimum of a Federation has to pay, has nothing to do whether FIDE has money or not has money. This is a principle and if someone wants that the Federations be so poor for all their lives that they cannot pay 380 euro, then this is wrong for me, this is someone who wants to keep the Federations poor for all their lives and, of course, any time he offers them sufficient money he will get these Federations for him. I am completely against this idea. I am against the idea of eliminating charges that FIDE is using to collect money for services that it is providing. I do not know if \$ 20 million are on their way or even that \$ 10 million will be on their way or if Kirsan wanted to say to Garry during this announcement that Garry if you want to say fairytales, I can say better fairytales than you. I do not know what was exactly the situation there, but for me really we should not change anything for the moment because we cannot see that we can change something like this.

Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov said: yesterday I have got many proposals, I met with the Presidents and delegates of National Chess Federations from Africa. Now we decided and I asked Vice President Dr. Jaime Aguinaldo to collect and prepare all the proposals and to prepare the constitution of this African Foundation and to work with Geoffrey Borg because \$500,000 is here and when they prepare all documents to register the Foundation. Many countries, for example, yesterday Zambia asked me to register this Foundation in Zambia and other countries, for instance we have Algeria also, and I think during next week or two weeks Mr. Jaime Aguinaldo will prepare everything and I promised all Presidents and representatives of African National Federations will be involved and they will decide how to spend. They also want to adopt this budget or not for this year or for other years because this \$500,000 is the first step. I think this Foundation will be one of the biggest foundations. About these debts and fees, this is a very small amount only \$380 per year. This is very little and is a question of discipline

for everybody. For us it is no problem to cut, it a question of discipline and principle. About \$20 million, we agreed yesterday and before to create a Foundation and decide how it will work.

Mr. Garry Kasparov said: just you know it is not starting any debate but setting all the facts straight. When I said fees and it was clearly stated in my programme and you understand that the annual fees are smaller, the real fees FIDE collects comes from tournaments, ratings, that is the real burden on Federations. FIDE collects and Mr. Freeman will correct me if I am wrong - 1 mln euros every year in various taxes and fees from National Federations. That is quite a serious burden and if you think these debts are small, how come that the Spanish Federations had something like 35, 000 euro, Serbian Federation had 30,000 euro, how can that be accumulated if the fees are so small? That's the issue number one. Number 2 again its going back to the debate, I do not know about \$20 mln that was not my promise but Mr. Makropoulos, I urge to respect Mr. Sinquefeld this is a man of great generosity and \$10 million was standing here. That was the cheque that would hit FIDE account. Please respect the promise of others. If you take it easy, if you think that \$20 mln was fairytale, it does not mean that other people are making fairy talks and take them back with the same ease.

Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov said: about this American guy, American businessman, Mr. Rex. I wanted to meet with him last year, I sent a proposal that I knew that he donated some money for Kasparov Chess Federation and I wanted to cooperate with him and to work with the programme Chess in Schools. I sent an email and that I wanted to visit the United States and that he lives in St. Louis, and that I want to meet with him and to discuss how we can cooperate between my private foundation and his private foundation for this. I am ready to meet with him and to discuss how my money and his money together will go for the development of chess. I am ready and I am lucky if Mr. Rex will work with me for the development of chess.

Mr. Georgios Makropoulos said: you know the truth is that all these months, ten months now, I thought that Garry was weeping for the 380 euro that the small Federations that they have a problem to pay, the African Federations, Latin American Federations and Central American Federations. I now realize that he was talking about the big Federations, the active Federations, the rich Federations that he was caring actually that he was worried about them. I had not realized this. I am very sorry, Garry.

Mr. Nigel Freeman said: can I also make a correction to Mr. Kasparov? Last year, the registered tournament fees came to 380,000 euro. These are not paid by the Federations, these are actually paid by the Organisers and the Federations pay those on behalf of the Organisers. So it is not the Federation but the Organisers who pay them. Rating fees no longer exist anymore. You are out of date.

Mr. Georgios Makropoulos asked: what is he wanting to cut?

Mr. Nigel Freeman replied: I presume what he wants to cut is what the Organisers have to charge for having a FIDE registered tournament.

Mr. Hinge said: I would like to build on that I would like to ask a very specific question. These was a promise to get \$20 million into a FIDE account, that is a simple question, on 11th August, when do we expect this money to be reflected in the FIDE account?

Mr. Andrei Filatov said: as all of you know, the Russian Chess Federation has a very respectable Supervisory Board, where members are world renowned entrepreneurs, and all of us were looking forward to these elections. And we have a planned meeting where we should decide on the fees, including the fees to FIDE and to development of chess in schools. So more specific replies will be provided after the end of the General Assembly, also in respect of the World Championship, what amount shall be meant for this and the exact venue, maybe some Museum in Sochi or another venue. So now it is early to ask such a question. Russian businessmen were waiting for the results of the elections.

Mr. Geoffrey Borg said: one thing that seems to be forgotten several times is that following Tallinn EB all Federations that are level 5 in the Development Commission and Allan of course can confirm are basically getting a rebate of up to 1, 000 euro for the activities they are generating. The idea is purely there to encourage that ultimately that your events. So that level 5 Development Countries are getting a rebate of 1,000 euro. So if you do actually do the rating tournament, I have discussed in various countries, you can send for Arbiters seminars, trainers seminars, these is a rebate of 1, 000 euro. Allan can give us the full details where appropriate.

Mr. Israel Gelfer said: numbers are hanging in the air. I would like to ask Garry a question, I do not know if he can answer this, but this promise of Mr. Rex for \$10 million is limited only if you win or is for FIDE to develop chess anyway?

Mr. Garry Kasparov said: by the way, I want to draw the attention to the statement of your big friend and donor Mr. Filatov who just said two minutes ago that money from Russia, which is probably supporting FIDE today was conditional upon the results of the elections. Just a statement was made and I do understand the statement. In our case, it was not just Mr. Sinquefeld but a lineup of corporate sponsors that wanted to see a very different FIDE from what we had before elections and what we have today. It is not just one of payments, it is just the whole process of corporate sponsorship that we have been lacking for so many years will be lined up. Today FIDE looks very different and it doesn't satisfy the standards of corporate sponsorship of those people I am working with. So this suggestion of guaranteeing \$10 mln for this new administration was purely based on the change in FIDE that would present a full programme to Mr. Sinquefeld and other people who were ready to back us. I do not see that this is going to happen now but I see that people from Mr. Filatov's lot will fully compensate you, providing they will not be in the list of sanctions for too long.

Mr. Georgios Makropoulos said: you know again the same story. To say the truth, Garry, not Mr. Sinquefeld, Garry – you say I do not respect Mr. Sinquefeld, of course I respect Mr. Sinquefeld, I do not know this gentleman. I do not have any problem with him. You are here and you play politics and you make this announcement. You know very well, Garry, that there you had no chance to win these elections. 100 millions you could guarantee or one billion. So this game is well-known, that is why you play this game. If you knew that really you had any chances to win, or really that you were close, (and you know that you were very far from winning), then I am sure you would not play this game. This is my opinion and of course I am right to have whatever opinion I believe is correct here. So it is better to stop playing now with these numbers, that you know very well that you open this situation with 10 million here, Kirsan continued with 20. What he says Mr. Filatov, I believe how you said: a group of

Sponsors that want to see a different FIDE, they were ready to sponsor with money. Mr. Filatov agreed with what you said, Russian sponsors probably they are not ready to sponsor FIDE if you are the President. This I can believe, is very possible but the reason for this is because you wish to involve FIDE in the politics. This can damage really very bad FIDE.

Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov said: I am very happy a few minutes ago Garry raised this question about sponsorship. about this \$500,000, \$20 million, it is a very good dispute and I now would like to answer some questions. Last year, I heard that Mr. Rex is sponsor for Kasparov Chess Foundation and also want to speak with him. I sent them an email that I want to meet with him and to discuss how we work together and invest in Chess in Schools: in Africa and Latin America, and I started to think how we can cooperate because I know he spent a lot of money for the Kasparov Chess Foundation for this FIDE Presidential campaign and I started to spend my money and we spent thousands, maybe millions US dollars for this campaign. But why me as a sponsor and Mr. Rex because Garry maybe he spent his own money but I know maybe 90% of his spending is money from sponsors like Mr. Rex. Mr. Rex is a very brilliant businessman, he is a philanthrop because he gives money from his pocket, I understand because I usually give money from my pocket not from FIDE budget and I think that is why me and Mr. Rex spent a lot of money for the Presidential campaign. Millions, two days ago a journalist asked me how much money I spent for this Presidential campaign and I said maybe millions. After this Presidential campaign I will say, because visiting, organizing, many many things. If we had cooperated last August or last November, me and Mr. Rex and other sponsors who want to give money for this campaign, we can unite and create our Foundation and this money thousands of dollars would go to our programmes, Chess in Schools and its many programmes, and we could have given a lot of money if we had decided last year. Mr. Rex, Kasparov, me and other sponsors how we can unite because my main target is to how to unite chess? How to unite sponsors, not for political reasons, but for the development of chess? That is why I signed and sent a proposal to Mr. Rex and to others. I want to visit St. Louis to meet and discuss. I received no replies, I met with another of his friends in Moscow and in Paris and if Mr. Rex wants, I will meet with him and we discuss how we can cooperate and work for chess. I do not want this for some political reasons.

Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili said: I think with numbers, we have to be always careful. I also make my campaign during European elections. I have a lot of meetings with the sponsors but I was very careful to announce anything and I signed just about two weeks before our election, a memorandum with Bank of Georgia, but I do not point out the number, even though I know the number. I don't because we discussed and said each programme will cost something and this will be separate control for the bank and they will sponsor this. What I say is that I know what was the salary of the President, this I can donate to the CIS Educational Committee exactly this number. This is why I am asking you, Mr. Kasparov, if Mr. Rex was willing to give \$ 10 million for chess, why you cannot sign the memorandum before elections why introduce it in the last day?

Mr. Nigel Short said that with the budget of USD 500.000 he looked forward to work with all his dear African colleagues and spending the money, thanking the President for the offer made to him.

Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov said his proposal was for sponsorship and it was up to the African Federations to nominate members. He was nominating Mr. Nigel Short for the

director from his side.

[Annex 3](#) is a proposal of the Bahrain Chess Federation on online payment facility.

Mr. Nigel Freeman advised that this was in progress.

[Annex 4](#) is of fees paid to Presidential Boards members and Continental Presidents.

2.2.1. Permanent exclusions.

Mr. Nigel Freeman mentioned that there were no existing temporary exclusions so there are no permanent exclusions.

2.3. Permanent Fund report.

[Annex 5](#) is report of the Permanent Fund Administrator Mr. Lucas Brunner.

Mr. Nigel Freeman advised that it is a very conservative fund, money which FIDE doesn't touch.

Being at the end of his mandate as FIDE Treasurer, Mr. Nigel Freeman thanked all federations and officials for the cooperation throughout the years.

2.4. Verification Commission report.

[Annex 6](#) is Commission's report.

Mr. Graham Boxall presented the report of the Verification Commission. FIDE's financial situation is solid and profitable. Mr. Graham Boxall remarked that there were some concerns about the travel expenditures because of the elections after the campaigns started in September 2013. There were high expenditures connected to Chennai, but all the invoices and expenditures were identified and otherwise not higher after September. FIDE financials are very satisfactory. The details of the accounts are transparent and visible.

General Assembly approved.

2.5. Confirmation of External Auditors.

General Assembly approved the re-appointment of the Ernst & Young as FIDE External Auditors.

2.6. Discharge of the Treasurer.

General Assembly discharged Mr. Nigel Freeman of his duties and gave him a round of applause to thank him for his services.

Section A: Elections.

Roll call of the delegates took place to check the quorum. 174 federations were

present. Quorum was established.

Ballot paper presented and the election processes explained. Ballot paper roll call organized and elections started.

3.1. Appointment of the Scrutineers.

Mr. Garry Kasparov appointed Ms. Ank Santens as an observer.

Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov appointed Mr. Israel Gelfer as an observer.

3.2. Election of the combined Presidential tickets:

I. Presidential ticket of Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov:

1. President – Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov
2. Deputy President – Mr. Georgios Makropoulos
3. Vice President – Dr. Jaime Aguinaldo
4. Vice President – Ms. Martha Fierro Baquero
5. General Secretary – Mr. Abraham Tolentino
6. Treasurer – Dr. Adrian Siegel

II. Presidential ticket of Mr. Garry Kasparov:

1. President – Mr. Garry Kasparov
2. Deputy President – Mr. Jan Callewaert
3. Vice President – Mr. Ian Wilkinson
4. Vice President – Ms. Afrika Msimang
5. General Secretary – Mr. Ignatius Leong
6. Treasurer – Mr. Rex Sinquefield

Both candidates received some time to make final speeches and present their respective teams.

Final result of the votes were: Kirsan Ilyumzhinov 110 votes and Garry Kasparov 61 with 4 blank bulletins and 1 invalid bulletin.

Kirsan Ilyumzhinov has been re-elected as FIDE President for a period of four years.

3.3. Number of appointed Vice Presidents

The elected President informed the General Assembly that he would nominate five Vice-Presidents therefore the nominations have to be sent to the FIDE Secretariat by 9 PM that evening for the positions of five elected Vice Presidents.

The meeting was then adjourned for the Continental elections during which time the nominees for elected Vice-Presidents, Constitutional Commission, Ethics Commission and Verification Commission were to present their nominations to the

FIDE Secretariat.

The General Assembly was resumed on the 12th of August.

The second day started with a welcome address from Ms. Anne Husebekk, the Rector of the University of Tromsø.

She informed the General Assembly that with the population of about 70.000 in Tromsø, there are 12.500 students and 3000 employees in the university. The University gives a lot of attention to the issues of energy, climate, society and environment as well as health, welfare, quality of life. The students learn about sustainable use of resources with the help of technology. They participate in the community development and democratisation. She said the university enjoys collaboration with research companies.

3.4. Elections for the Continental Presidents

Mr. Georgios Makropoulos said: One of the Continents yesterday did not organize its assembly, so because of our Statutes and Regulations to proceed with the rest of the elections we will have to await the results of this Continent. So the elections will be tomorrow. Now we have two possibilities here. One is that we continue with our Agenda and we deal with the other points of the Agenda. The second is we should break and continue the Assembly tomorrow. In this case if we do this, then it is obvious that the reports of the Commissions cannot be passed by the Assembly and we should authorize the PB to deal with the reports except if there are one or two reports that need urgent decisions then the Chairmen of the Commissions should come to Nigel Freeman and explain him why there is a need of an urgent decision and then we can come tomorrow and pass these reports. In case we break, tomorrow we have elections and then we also have to deal with the Olympiad and the World Schools. So these are the two options.

Mr. Andie Howie said: I would object to the meeting going forward because under the Statutes 2.3. the elections have to take place first. Secondly, looking around the room, I do not believe we are quorate and I suggest we have a roll call.

Mr. Georgios Makropoulos said: So you are proposing to suspend the meeting? I personally am ready to accept to postpone, but I do not want to push for something if everyone does not agree for this. It looks logical for me also, he is absolutely right what he said. This is what is written in our Statutes. But still I believe we can go on with the Agenda if the majority here decides.

Mr. Ali-Nihat Yazici said: I believe if we vote here as we do not have quorum, so it will only be an opinion vote. I believe we have to follow our Statutes and this is why I want to second our Scotland delegate and postpone the session until tomorrow.

Mr. Georgios Makropoulos said: In this situation I want to make it clear that there is no time to pass the reports. We are going to authorize the PB to deal with the reports of the Commissions. I want to be clear on this point so that the Chairmen of the Commissions who think they really need an urgent decision should come to Nigel

Freeman, explain why they need a decision, so that we will deal with only one or two reports the next two days.

Mr. Israel Gelfer said: First of all, I do not think that the Statutes do not allow us to continue our Agenda. It is not contradicting, we are postponing the VP election only because the Africans have not chosen their Continental President. But I am not against, I am following Mr. Howie, Mr. Makropoulos and Ali. I just want us to be careful of two things. Logistically, we will find buses to go back, this is not the problem, but I believe that every Chairperson who would like, not in the need of emergency, but just would like to present his report before the GA, should be allowed to do so. They were working, they were preparing and we should not deprive them. Number two, which is more important. There are several reports, I will give you an example from my Committee, the Anti-Cheating has to be approved by the GA, otherwise we will not be able to act according to the new Anti-Cheating. So it is ok if it goes to the PB, but we need to ensure that the Anti-Cheating report is confirmed.

Mr. Georgios Makropoulos said: It is clear that certain proposals, such as Anti-Cheating, will be dealt with by the Assembly. But I want to be clear, yet again, that it is not possible to give the floor to the Chairmen of the Commissions to present their reports.

Mr. David James said: I do not think we will get through the Agenda if we suspend today. Are there not any parts of the Agenda which we can clear today so that we do not waste a day because I think the audience will be even smaller tomorrow because people will start to go back home? So I would suggest we should see if we can complete some parts of the Agenda today and then maybe do other things tomorrow.

Mr. Roberto Rivello said: unfortunately, I am one of the persons who will not be here tomorrow. I definitely understand that you are right and we cannot decide today. However with regards to the Ethics Commission, we agreed with the other Commissions that Ethics Commission has a proposal of the reforms of one part of the Code of Ethics as a part concerning sanctions. Given that it is quite technical, but at the same time very important as it is related to Anti-Cheating Committee, these are the rules which have to be introduced in the Handbook. If it would be possible not to approve today, but just to illustrate very briefly the content would be useful. As tomorrow I will not be here and it would be quite difficult for someone else to explain the rationale of these proposals.

Mr. Ignatius Leong said: We should follow the Agenda. We should proceed with the rest of the elections and then follow with the rest of the Agenda.

Mr. Ali-Nihat Yazici said: he said that the deadline for nominating candidates should be extended to 9 pm tonight.

Mr. Nigel Freeman said: it already has been extended to 9 pm tonight and was on the website last night.

Mr. Kevin Bonham said: I do not mind if meeting is postponed or goes ahead, but I have several concerns on behalf of our Federation about item 3 in the proposed disciplinary regulations for Arbiters. I would not be comfortable if this is just forwarded to the PB. I think it should be discussed by the GA. I think it is possibly

illegal and I think it is a very bad proposal.

Mr. Georgios Makropoulos said: as I said it is possible to discuss one or two such points in the GA. So I suggest we stay here just to be briefed about the reports of the Commissions of Ethics and Anti-Cheating, just so we can get information and understanding. We are not going to make decisions and we suspend the session afterwards and we come tomorrow.

There were no objections.

The meeting was suspended.

3.4.1 Europe

1. Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili – 33 votes (elected)
2. Mr. Silvio Danailov - 18 votes

3.4.2 Americas

1. Mr. Jorge Vega Fernandez elected unopposed

3.4.3 Asia

1. Sultan Bin Khalifa Al-Nahayan – 38 votes (elected)
2. Mr. Prospero A. Pichay, Jr – 12 votes

3.4.4 Africa

1. Mr. Olalekan Emmanuel Adeyemi – 0 votes
2. Mr. Lakhdar Mazouz – withdrew his candidacy
3. Mr. Lewis Ncube - 23 votes (elected)

On the last day Ms. Afrika Msimang said they challenged this and raised a concern whether there were 50% of the members present. She also asked the leadership to give guidance to find a spirit of compromise to reconcile the meetings. She wished to present the minutes of a board meeting which she claimed was the legitimate board meeting. Mr. Freeman asked her to present it to the Secretariat and said that we will discuss it with the FIDE lawyers.

3.5 Appointment of the Vice Presidents

The President of FIDE announced his nominates to the Vice Presidents:

Mr. Israel Gelfer (ISR)

Mr. Boris Kutin (SLO)

Mr. Khalifa Mohammed Al-Hitmi (QAT)

Mrs. Tulay Gulkiz (TUR)
Mr. Yang Junan (CHN)

Mr. Georgios Makropoulos asked if there are any objections and there were none.

3.6 Election of the Vice Presidents

Ms. Carol Jarecki explained the voting procedures.

Ms. Carol Jarecki presented 12 names of the candidates.

First results of the Vice President elections.

Mr. Joran Aulin – Jansson (NOR)	44 votes	
Mr. Herbert Bastian (GER)	63 votes	
Ms. Olena Boytsun (UKR)	17 votes	
Mr. Andrey Filatov (RUS)	98 votes	ELECTED
Mr. M.J. Kambuzia (IRI)	93 votes	ELECTED
Mr. Michael Khodarskovsky (USA)	64 votes	
Ms. Beatriz Marinello (USA)	83 votes	ELECTED
Ms. Afrika Msimang (RSA)	24 votes	-
Mr. Ochoa de Echaguen (ESP)	33 votes	
Mr. D.V. Sundar (IND)	103 votes	ELECTED
Mr. G. Wijesuriya (SRI)	9 votes	-
Mr. Ian Wilkinson (JAM)	38 votes	-

Following candidates passed the first vote:

Mr. Andrey Filatov, Mr. M.J. Kambuzia, Ms. Beatriz Marinello and Mr. D.V. Sundar.

Mr. Nigel Freeman asked if anyone would like to withdraw. Ms. Afrika Msimang, Mr. G. Wijesuriya and Ian Wilkinson withdrew their nominations.

Second round:

Mr. Herbert Bastian (GER)	68 votes	ELECTED
Mr. Michael Khodarskovsky (USA)	51 votes	
Mr. Ochoa de Echaguen (ESP)	16 votes	
Mr. Joran Aulin – Jansson (NOR)	8 votes	
Ms. Olena Boytsun (UKR)	6 votes	

So the elected Vice Presidents are:

Mr. Herbert Bastian, Mr. Andrey Filatov, Mr. M. J. Kambuzia, Ms. Beatriz Marinello and Mr. D.V. Sundar.

Awards for the Arbiters.

The FIDE President presented the Arbiters' awards:

-KADRI, Sadok (TUNISIA)	(IA title awarded in 1973)
-BERRY, Jonathan (CANADA)	(IA title awarded in 1975)
-REUBEN, Stewart (ENGLAND)	(IA title awarded in 1976)
-BURSTEIN, Almog (ISRAEL)	(IA title awarded in 1977)
-KHACHATRYAN, Aljoshia (ARMENIA)	(IA title awarded in 1977)
-SALOOR, Hossein Gholi (IRAN)	(IA title awarded in 1977)
-ABUNDO, Casto (PHILIPPINES)	(IA title awarded in 1978)
-WALSH, Gerry (ENGLAND)	(IA title awarded in 1978)

Awards for the Trainers.

The FIDE President presented Trainers' awards:

FIDE Trainer Awards 2013 Mikhail Botvinnik Medal Men's Captain/Trainer Vladimir Chuchelov (Belgium)	FIDE Trainer Awards 2013 Isaac Boleslavsky Medal Author/Best Book Genna Sosonko (Netherlands)
FIDE Trainer Awards 2013 Symeon Furman Medal Women Captain/Trainer Susan Polgar (USA)	FIDE Trainer Awards 2013 Tigran Petrosian Medal Special Trainer's Achievement Boris Postovsky (Russia)
FIDE Trainer Awards 2013 Max Euwe Medal Junior's Trainer Li Wienling (China)	FIDE Trainer Awards 2013 Yuri Razuvaev Medal Trainers' Education Uwe Boensch (Germany)
FIDE Trainer Awards 2013 Hall of Fame Oleg Dementiev (Soviet Union)	FIDE Trainer Awards 2013 Hall of Fame Albert Kapengut (USA)
FIDE Trainer Awards 2013 Hall of Fame Rudolf Maric (Yugoslavia)	FIDE Trainer Awards 2013 Hall of Fame Yuri Simkin (Ukraine)

Elections for the Elected Commissions:

Again, the rules of voting were explained.

Five names on the ballot, delegates can only vote for 1. The first vote is 50% plus 1.

Mr. Nigel Short asked if the delegates should vote for the Chairman first and then member and Mr. Nigel Freeman agreed that would be the case.

Mr. Israel Gelfer asked why there is a need to have a second round for voting.

Mr. Nigel Freeman replied that according to the statutes there is a need to make sure that someone gets 50% plus 1 and that the second vote is decided by the majority.

Mr. Garry Kasparov asked if this ballot is only for the chairman or also for members.

Mr. Nigel Freeman answered that the Constitutional and Ethics Commissions will be done together be elected like that. The procedure is to pick the chairman with 50% plus 1.

3.7 Election of the Verification Commission members

The following were elected:

Mr. Graham Boxall (JCI)	125 votes
Ms. Margaret Murphy (ISV)	101 votes
Mr. Michael Langer (GER)	100 votes

It was decided amongst them that Mr. Graham Boxall would be Chairman.

Other Candidates:

Ms. Ruth Haring (USA)	57 votes
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3.8 Election of the Ethics Commission Chairman and members

Ethics Commission Chairman

Mr. Francois Strydom (RSA)	70 votes
Mr. Arthur Schuering (NED)	withdraws his nomination to the chairman
Mr. Andie Howie (SCO)	withdraws
Ms. Ank Santens (USA)	withdraws

Everyone except Mr. Francois Strydom withdrew. He's the new Chairman.

Voting for members: only vote for 4.

The following were elected to the Ethics Commission:

Mr. Pedro Brito (DOM)	33 votes
Mr. Willy Iclicki (MNC)	30 votes

Mr. Rajesh Hari Joshi (NEP)	26 votes
Mr. Ion Dobronauteanu (ROU)	22 votes

Other Candidates:

Mr. Gunnar Bjornsson (ISL)	20 votes
Mr. Andy Howie (SCO)	17 votes
Mr. Arthur Schuering (NED)	16 votes

3.9 Election of the Constitutional Commission Chairman and members

Election results for the Chairman of the Constitutional Commission:

Mr. Roberto Rivello received 108 votes and was elected as a chairman

Voting for the members: you can only vote for 4.

Elected Members:

Mr. Casto Abundo (PHI)	94 votes
Mr. Pedro Dominguez (DOM)	92 votes
Mr. David Jarrett (ENG)	86 votes
Mr. Willy Iclicki (MNC)	79 votes

Other Candidates:

Ms. Ruth Haring (USA)	43 votes
Ms. Ank Santens (USA)	40 votes
Mr. Francois Strydom (RSA)	32 votes
Mr. Lyndon Bouah (RSA)	28 votes
Mr. Ralph Alt (GER)	27 votes

3.10 Appointment of the FIDE Executive Director

Mr. Nigel Freeman was re-appointed as FIDE Executive Director for a term of four years.

3.11 Appointment of Honorary Vice Presidents

The following were appointed as Honorary Vice Presidents: Prof. Kurt Jungwirth (AUT), Prof. Vanik Zakarian (ARM), Mr. Javier Ochoa Echaguen (ESP), Mr. Mario Ramires Barajas (MEX).

The session of 14th of the August.

Mr. Nigel Freeman chaired the meeting.

No quorum.

Mr. Israel Gelfer remarked that next time we should start the Agenda from the bottom, because after elections delegates do not show up at the meetings.

Mr. Nigel Freeman suggested that if the delegates don't show up on the General Assembly, Organisers shouldn't pay for their rooms.

Mr. Nigel Freeman replied that there are specific decisions that need to be decided by the General Assembly and some questions can be decided by the Presidential Board. If there are any issues that should be discussed about the Commissions' reports, then these should be sent to Mr. Nigel Freeman and he will address them at the Presidential Board.

Mr. Kevin Bonham asked what will happen to the agenda then if we don't have the quorum.

Mr. Nigel Freeman said if there won't be a quorum, then these items will be discussed at the Presidential Board.

Mr. Michael Khodarkovsky would like to suggest that for the future if we could make electronic vote, so the days would not last until midnight. It seems that most of the GA members are still sleeping.

Mr. Nigel Freeman agreed that changes are needed.

Mr. Israel Gelfer proposed a change by the ACC as it was an urgent case and it should be agreed in General Assembly. We try to enforce the law from the 1st of September and we need to use this article.

Mr. Nigel Freeman said that we will try to approve it here during General Assembly.

In the afternoon, after the break a roll call was made to see if the quorum existed. No quorum.

Mr. Herman Hamers said because there is no quorum, it means that we can't make any decisions.

Bids will now end on the 31st of March as decided at the Executive Board.

10.1 World U-16 Chess Olympiad 2014 was awarded to Hungarian Chess Federation, to be held 12-22nd December.

It was also noted that the Women's World Team Championship 2015 will be in China.

Agenda.

As there was no quorum the rest of the Agenda could not be approved. There were discussions on the following items:

4.1 FIDE Offices.

4.1.1. Athens Office

Mr. Nigel Freeman thanked the Athens office for their hard work. He said they had been working under extra stress because of the elections. He said there had been some accusations against FIDE staff and it was wrong. Political matters and staff matters should be kept separate. Attacks on the FIDE office is an attack on FIDE itself and is unacceptable.

4.1.2. Elista Office.

Mr. Nigel Freeman thanked Elista office for their hard work.

4.1.3. Moscow Office.

Mr. Berik Balgabaev reported on Moscow Office. It had moved to new premises in Moscow. The office took part at all activities related to the preparations of trips of the FIDE President and officials who are visiting Russia and Moscow. Main activities were related to the sponsors to the FIDE events.

Section C. Commissions. All these were referred to the Presidential Board.

5.1. Arbiters' Commission.

Mr. Kevin Bonham made a suggestion to the Arbiters Commission. Contentious items should be discussed in General Assembly.

Mr. Nigel Freeman asked Mr. Kevin Bonham to advise what he wished to discuss.

5.2. Trainers' Commission.

Mr. Michael Khodarkovsky said that on page 9 of the report it should say USCF.

Mr. Kevin Bonham asked about point 5.4 whether the Olympiad Captains should be licenced. He proposed to remove the word "captain". He said the rule has never been applied to captains, only trainers.

Mr. Nigel Freeman commented that the Central Board of Commissions was made exactly to give the Chairmen of the Commissions chance to discuss different topics with each other.

5.3. Chess in Schools Commission.

Mr. Kevin O'Connell said that there one point in [Annex 65](#) (6.10) which cannot wait until next General Assembly, regarding disabled chess.

5.4. Ethics Commission.

[Annex 31](#) is Commission's report.

Mr. Roberto Rivello said: We worked with Anti-Cheating and Arbiters Commission to discuss sanctions and disciplinary proceedings. In the opinion of the Ethics Commission it is wrong for Arbiters and Anti-Cheating to have separate sanctions because it is important to have one general document and rules that can be applied to all possible breaches of Ethics. One proposal is to use the implements already approved in the Statutes. It means to have a main investigating body to be appointed by the PB using the Statutes and not creating something new. So Anti-Cheating Commission will not be an investigating or judiciary organ. The real investigating organ will be the investigation chamber of the Ethics Commission due to be appointed by the PB. We insist that each Federation sends a brief letter stating they accept that the Ethics Commission has appeal competence. This will mean they can deal directly with such cases and any sanction will be accepted World-wide unless it is appealed to the Ethics Commission. The Code of Ethics needs to be completely rewritten, this is the duty of the Constitutional Commission in the next four years. We are proposing an amendment of parts which you can see in our proposal which strengthens the sanctions.

Mr. Ali Nihat Yazici mentioned that the Ethics Commission needs to deal with legal matters not only for judging, but also protection to speeding up the processes.

Mr. Roberto Rivello concluded that the problem is the capability of reacting on a timely manner. He added that there is a need to improve even further and giving national organizations more competencies.

5.5. Anti-Cheating Committee.

[Annex 34](#) and [Annex 73](#)

The Anti-Cheating Commission was formed because FIDE was faced with much criticism about cheating, particularly in youth competitions. We spoke to many Commissions and we agreed with them. There are points that are particularly important:

Firstly, there are two organs that undertake these matters, there is an investigation chamber which will take the details and decide whether it should go to the Ethics Commissions for sentencing.

Rule 11.3.B about mobile phones was passed in Tallinn, this was regarded as a bit harsh, especially for amateur tournaments. Therefore, we have agreed with the Rules Commission that it should be amended.

There is Ken Regan's technical system which finds out cases where the player who usually plays at 2200 rating finds out that the same player suddenly plays at 2900 level. I believe the statistics prove this enough for conviction. Our lawyer and Mr. Rivello did not accept this and said we needed more evidence.

Mr. Georgios Makropoulos asked why are we waiting for the extra proof.

Mr. Roberto Rivello said we needed extra proof besides the technical and statistics system. If the statistics can be the only evidence, it is not beyond any reasonable doubt. We need some more evidence that this person is cheating, from Arbiters. Statistics cannot alone justify for banning for 15 years. We need statistics and little bit more.

Mr. Georgios Makropoulos said it's not statistics, it's cheating! There is no need for further evidence.

Mr. Andie Howie said we need a penalty and anti-cheating commission. Statistical devices will not pick up electronic device used to cheat. New technologies are coming in which will be a big threat to anti-cheating.

Mr. Israel Gelfer said we will be permanently checking these. No doubt we need to work with the solution for new technologies.

Mr. Andrey Filatov said it's not always possible to the teams to go to the court, therefore Ethic Commission needs to have a right to take decisions of the matters.
Mr. Georgios Makropoulos concurred with Mr. Andrey Filatov.

Mr. Ali Yazici said that the big majority are not cheating. If someone says, statistics is not enough, this person is either lawyer, accountant but not a mathematician or engineer. Statistics don't lie. Very high technology is being used and is very sophisticated. Lawyer and/or judge would probably not think statistics is enough, because of their clients. Blood tests are 99,5% sure, the same is with statistics.

Mr. Jingwoo Song said that in the court of law, DNA is accepted, the same should be with statistics.

Mr. Roberto Rivello said that statistics have a value. None of the systems are perfect. We need the rules which can survive the CAS and its criteria of comfortable satisfaction.

Mr. Georgios Makropoulos said we are not going to make any decisions today. The African meeting is 5PM tonight. The meeting will be resumed tomorrow.

[Annex 34](#) is proposed Anti-Cheating Regulations and comments to follow.

On the final day, Mr. Israel Gelfer asked to confirm that the report was approved.

Mr. Nigel Freeman replied in the negative as there was no quorum and despite the absence of objections, the vote is needed.

Section D.FIDE Meetings, Tournaments and Matches.

6.1. FIDE World Championship Match 2014.

The event will be held in Sochi, Russia, 7-28 November 2014.

6.2. FIDE World Cup 2017.

The following bids have been received (in conjunction with the 2018 Chess Olympiad bids):

[Annex 36](#) a bid from the South African Chess Federation, for Sun City.

[Annex 37](#) is a bid from the Georgian Chess Federation, for Batumi, 1-25 September 2017.

The event shall be organised in Batumi, following the win of the Batumi bid for the 2018 Olympiad.

6.3. World Chess Olympiad 2018.

The following bids have been received for the event:

[Annex 41](#) is a bid from the Georgian Chess Federation to organise the event in Batumi, 1-15 September 2018.

[Annex 42](#) is a bid from the South African Chess Federation to organise the event in Cape Town, 17-31 July 2018.

Voting:

Batumi 93
Durban 58

The 2018 Chess Olympiad will be held in Batumi, Georgia.

6.4. World Senior Championship 2015.

The event shall be held in Acqui Terme, Italy, 9-22 November 2015.

6.5. World Senior Championship 2016.

The event shall be held in Marianske Lazne, Czech Republic 18 November – 1 December 2016.

6.6. World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad.

6.7. World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2014.

Following the cancellation of the organisation of the event by the Kazakhstan Chess Federation, the event shall be organised in Gyor, Hungary, 12-22 December 2014.

6.8. World Schools Individual Championship 2016.

As Greece has withdrawn its bid, Mr. Israel Gelfer said that there was a request to the Romanian delegate. This request received the blessing from the FIDE President. If this

event will be given to Africa, Romania will get any event, what they would like to have the next year instead. So for World Schools Individual Championship 2016, Romania withdrew their proposal and the event will be organised in Tunisia.

The event shall be held in Sousse, Tunisia, 30 April – 8 May 2016.

6.9 SportAccord 2014.

Mr. Nigel Freeman advised that it took place in Antalya. Whilst FIDE did not have a booth this year, it is still a useful event to attend as FIDE met with the IOC, IMSA and other bodies.

7. Nomination of Commission Chairmen.

Anti-Cheating Commission – Israel Gelfer

Arbiters Commission: Panagiotis Nikolopoulos

Chess in Schools Commission: Kevin O' Connell

Commission for Women's Chess: Martha Fierro Baquero and Susan Polgar

Commission for World Championships & Olympiads: Georgios Makropoulos

Commission of Chess Journalists: Georgios Makropoulos

Development Commission: Allan Herbert

Events Commission: Boris Kutin

Medical Commission: Dr. Jana Bellin

Qualification Commission: Werner Stubenvoll

Technical Commission: Bharat Singh

Rules and Tournament Regulations: Ashot Vardapetyan

System of Pairings and Programs: Christian Krause

Social Action Commission: Beatriz Marinello

Social Projects Commission: Darcy Gustavo Machado Vieira Lima

Trainers' Commission: Adrian Mikhalchishin

Online Commission: Michalis Kaloumenos

Disabled Commission: Thomas Luther

Marketing Committee: Diego Salazar

Skills Management Committee: Roberto Mognanzini

Central Board of Commissions: Geoffrey Borg

Chairmen were nominated.

Mr. Nigel Freeman thanked all Commission Chairmen and members.

Mr. Israel Gelfer thanked for the contributions of Mr. Andrzej Filipowicz and Mr. Guert Gijssen who have given so many years to FIDE.

8. Speech of Mr. Fernando Arrabal for the 90th FIDE Anniversary.

[Speech of Mr. Fernando Arrabal](#). (in Spanish).

Mr. Arrabal is not only well-known in the field of literature, but also for his interest in

chess.

He said it's a great pleasure to be here. He played and talked about chess with Milan Kundera and Beckett and Warhol. He thinks he is one of the five writers of that genre who is interested in chess. To be invited for the 90th anniversary here is something he will tell other people about. He will go and tell them that he had addressed FIDE. The strength of a country can be measured by its chess.

Mr. Nigel Freeman thanked Mr. Fernando Arrabal for his speech.

Closing.

The FIDE President in closing the General Assembly, thanked everybody for coming and for support during the elections. He promised to work hard. He said he will continue his work after the Olympiad is finished. He said he was looking forward to work closely with the African Chess Foundation. This is not the money is not to be used for salaries and travel but for investment.

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