

**FIDE Congress
Abu Dhabi
Executive Board
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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 Joaquim Duraó (POR) – 13 times Portuguese Champion, former President of the Portuguese Federation, former FIDE Vice-President, FIDE Honorary Member
GM Walter Browne (USA)
FM Gaguk Oganessian (ARM) – General Secretary of the Armenian Chess Federation, former Zone President (1.5)
IA Kira Zvorykina (RUS)
GM Levente Lengyel (HUN)
GM Zaw Win (MYA)
IA Evelyn Koshnitsky (AUS)
IM, FT Denis Verduga (MEX)
FM Peter Clarke (ENG) – International Correspondence GM
IA Armen Nikoghosyan (ARM)
GM Alexander Lastin (RUS)
IM Oscar Castro (COL)
Nusret Causevic (BIH) – former President of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Chess Federation

1. Report of the President.

President K. Ilyumzhinov delivered his annual report.

Dear colleagues,

Before we start the actual work of the FIDE Executive Board, I would like to welcome you in this wonderful hotel in the beautiful city and thank those who were in Tromsø attending our General Assembly and supporting me. In the year I have been doing my best to fulfill the programme and I am happy to note that the FIDE calendar is being followed very strictly. I also think that we are going towards the Olympic recognition and towards the 1bln smart people number.

Dear colleagues,

During the period after the 85th FIDE Congress I have visited on working visit the following countries: Egypt, Mongolia, UAE, South Africa, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Uzbekistan Monaco, Hungary, Ireland, Great Britain, South Korea, Nepal, Georgia, China, Oman, Switzerland, Ukraine, Korean People's Democratic Republic, Cuba, Columbia and other countries, some of them several times.

After the Tromsø General Assembly we had a task to decide on the venues of the FIDE Grand Prix and Women's World Championship in the shortest time. The first task was solved very dynamically. The first two stages have been very smoothly organized

in Baku and Tashkent last autumn and I would like to thank immensely both Federations and their sponsors for their contribution. The two next stages were organized this year 14-28 February in Georgia and 13-27 May in Khanty-Mansiysk, where a final stage took place. The final stage in Ugra was the most tense, uncompromising and most unpredictable of all. On results of the Grand-Prix 2014-2015 the right to play in the candidates' tournament was won by GM F. Caruana and GM H. Nakamura, both of the USA.

In Durban, I participated in the closing ceremony of the World Youth Championship on 30 September 2014, where 970 young players from 87 countries participated. Unfortunately there have been some very unpleasant consequences where the arbiters from various countries have not been paid for their service and they had turned to FIDE for help. The Chess Federation of RSA was warned that should this situation remain unsolved, the Federation will be temporarily excluded. But fortunately, the issue is solved. We have to make sure such incidents do not happen in our future events.

During my visit to Mongolia, 20-23 September, I visited their western province Zavkhan, where a tournament for more than 10, 000 school children playing at the same time, was held. I also met with the Mongolian Prime-Minister and have reached an agreement that Mongolia followed the model of Azerbaijan, will try to prepare and approve a state programme for chess development for the years 2015-2020. I would like to add that two weeks ago I again visited Mongolia, where I participated in the opening ceremony of the Olympiad U-16 and met with the Mongolian President Tsahiagiyn Elberdorj.

On 17-18 October at the Armenian State Pedagogical University named after Abovian in Yerevan, an international conference Chess in Schools organized by the Armenian Ministry of Education under the patronage of S. Sargsian, President of Armenia. Representatives of 30 countries participated in this conference, and a lot of interesting reports about chess as a school discipline in Armenian schools were made. Chess has become a visit card for Armenia. In four years of chess education, a huge amount of work was carried out in development of chess with involving of external specialists (social pedagogues, psychologists and pediatricians).

On 20th October I attended a new building of the Republican specialized youth sports school of Olympic reserve together with the Deputy Prime-Minister of Uzbekistan A. Ikramov before the opening of the Tashkent Grand-Prix stage. The new school with the invested 35 mln USD, is equipped with modern sports inventory and has a vast range of possibilities to organize classes with newest technologists, which will promote the intellectual potential of young chess players and their level. As a sign of recognition, President of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov has been awarded with "Person of the Year" Award on behalf of the Asian Chess Federation.

On 9 October in Cheboksary in Russia, I made a report at the International Sports Forum "Russia – sports power", the top event in Russia, where Russian government officers and governors took part. I met a Deputy Secretary General of the UN, Special Advisor of the UN Secretary General Vilfred Lemke and also, participated in a meeting with President of Russia Vladimir Putin, alongside other Presidents of International Sports Organisations.

On 31st October I made a report during a private meeting with Mr. Putin to discuss the preparation for the World Championship match in Sochi between M. Carlsen-V. Anand which took place 7-28 November 2014.

The match was taking place in the Main Media Centre of the Sochi Olympics and was organized on a very high level. I would like to especially thank the Russian Chess Federation led by our Vice President Andrei Filatov, and our commercial partner –

“Agon”. Spectators from 217 countries were following this interesting event on the match official Internet site. In an uncompromising fight, Magnus Carlsen kept the title.

As an unprecedented event, the President of the country-organiser attended the closing ceremony. After the ceremony, the President V. Putin invited the FIDE delegation, the players and their families as well as 10th World Champion A. Karpov and 12th World Champion B. Spassky to have some tea, during which the issue of the Women’s World Championship was successfully solved.

The tournament was organized successfully 16 March – 7 April under wonderful conditions in Krasnaya Poliana, a mountain resort in Sochi. Once again it is my pleasure to thank the Organising Committee led by the Russian Vice-Prime Minister Arkady Dvorkovich, the Russian Chess Federation and its President A. Filatov and the Championship sponsor – Gazprom. The Championship was won by a Woman Grandmaster from Ukraine Maria Muzychuk, who is now the 15th Women’s World Champion. I sent a letter to the President of Ukraine P. Poroshenko and proposed to organize the Muzychuk – Hou Yifan match in a western –Ukrainian city of Lviv.

On the 1st of July 2015 I arrived in Ukraine where I met with Mr. Poroshenko. We discussed the matters of the possible match organization, and a chess festival to take place during the match. Mr. Poroshenko gave a very high evaluation to the chess development level in Ukraine and in the world. Mr. Poroshenko has also signed the Decree on creating the Organising Committee with Head of Ukrainian President’s Administration Boris Levkin in chair, and their first meeting took place on 31st August. The prize fund of the match will be 210, 000 euro and it will be organized 1-18 March 2016. The Ukraine signed the contract and the first tranche of the prize fund in the amount of 100,000 euro reached the FIDE accounts. The next meeting of the Organising Committee will take place at the end of September.

During my visit to Kiev, I have also succeeded to agree with the Kiev Mayor Vitali Klitschko to host one of the Women’s Grand-Prix series stage in Kiev which became an instance for Mr. Levkin to propose that 2016 be a year of chess in Ukraine. It was also resolved that in each of 500 Kiev schools a chess class will be prepared and equipped to start chess education as a facultative subject as the first stage. In future, the mayor would like to make chess an obligatory subject in the school curriculum.

On April 19th, I arrived in Sochi where I participated in the SportAccord Convention, where President Putin has visited. A meeting with a Chinese delegation was organized, they represented a National center of Mind Sports. We discussed possibilities to organize and hold the next World Mind Games and cooperation between IMSA and our Chinese partners. IOC President Thomas Bach also participated in the ARISF General Assembly, where he briefed us about main aspects of the Olympic movement reforms.

On May 25th in the Russian Olympic Committee there was a celebration of Chess Day. The event of the day was the presentation of the chess technology allowing to have pair chess events. The project was presented to public for the first time, but was created back in 2005 with the participation of Russian sport and chess experts. The ultimate goal is to fully support the inclusion of chess into the Olympic programme.

On June 8th, I participated in the SportAccord Council meeting which took place in Lausanne where the issues connected with the future of this organization after the resignation of the SportAccord President Marius Vizer.

On June 22nd the FIDE delegation had a long-sought meeting with the IOC President Thomas Bach. Our delegation comprised beside myself, Deputy President G. Makropoulos, Treasurer Dr. A. Siegel, CEO G. Borg, my Assistant B. Balgabaev and former World Champion V. Kramnik. I am extremely grateful to Mr. Kramnik to finding time to join us at this important meeting and his active input. The IOC was also

presented by its General Director Christophe de Kepper, Sports Director Kit McConnell and Deputy General Director Pere Miro.

During the discussion with the IOC we touched upon important issues of bilateral cooperation as well as proposed inclusion of chess into the Olympic programme, especially considering a programme of reforms Programme 2020 launched by the IOC. According to the programme, sport disciplines can work with the cities-organisers of the Olympic Games. I have informed Dr. Bakh on the progress of our Chess in Schools programme as well as written appeals from several dozens of NOCs of Asian and African countries with a request to include chess into the Winter Olympics. We also have presented substantial argumentation in favour of including chess into the IOC World Youth Games, it was agreed to continue our dialogue in September. I therefore task Deputy President Makropoulos to schedule a new date of our meeting.

During 25-29 June I have visited a number of Latin American countries, participated in the closing ceremony of the 50th Capablanca Memorial in Cuba, then in Columbia, on June 27th in Cali, I attended the opening of the 26th Panamerican Youth and Junior Championships.

I met the President of Nicaragua Daniel Ortega on June 29th, to discuss a project of assistance and technical support to realize the Chess in Schools programme, especially in rural areas, and educate chess experts, organize seminars etc. The Nicaraguan party, in its turn, expressed their interest in its soonest launching.

Based on the results of our meeting with the IOC President Dr. Bakh, I visited Seoul on July 16th, where I met with the Governor of Gangwon President of the Organizing Committee of Winter Olympic Games 2018 in Pyeongchang, Mr. Choi Moon-soon. The South Korea Chess Federation actively participated in the meeting, led by its President Hyun In Suk.

During the meeting I have made a report on FIDE activities, our main programmes and projects and our efforts in our path to join the Olympic family. In particular, during the last meeting of the FIDE delegation with the IOC President T. Bakh, it was noted that chess programme does not need a separate infrastructure and does not need a lot of expenses, being at the same time, very flexible organizationally. Therefore, it might attract the attention of a very large audience, especially foreign, which is also very important for local tourism.

I would also like to welcome the Gangwon province delegation led by the Mr. Tak from the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Sports and President of the South Korea Chess Federation Hyun In Suk. We look forward to our cooperation and decisions on all the issues connected on the format and details of the representation of chess in the Winter Olympics 2018.

In July I welcomed in Moscow a delegation of the Ministry of Sports and NOC of Korean People's Democratic Republic, led by Deputy Minister Vice-President and General Secretary Song Kwang Ho, following a reciprocal visit to their country on their kind invitation. We have discussed the issues of establishing a chess federation in this country and its joining FIDE. Together with the President of the Russian CF Andrei Filatov we presented the North Korean delegation 20 chess sets and clocks to start the activities.

Directly from our Congress I am heading off to Baku to the World Cup opening. I would like to note that four representatives of Armenia headed by GM Levon Aronian, will be participating in the event. To achieve this, I have had several conversations with the President of Armenia S. Sargsian, who is personally supervising this matter. In its turn, the Azerbaijan side has provided written government guarantees of safety to all the World Cup participants. In my opinion, this is a good example that

all military or territorial disputes should be solved over a peaceful chessboard and not in bloodshed. The successful organization of the World Cup will be a good preparation for the 2016 Chess Olympiad.

On 22nd September in China in my capacity as IMSA President, I am signing a contract for the organization of Elite Mind Games planned for January 2016 with participation of our top players. We are also planning to organize a big World Mind Games tournament in Macau.

And now we can proceed with our Executive Board Agenda as it has a lot of points. Thank you for your attention.

Gens Una Sumus! We are one family!

2. Financial report.

2.1. Report of the Auditors.

[Annex 1](#) is audited accounts.

[Annex 2](#) is commented accounts.

Treasurer Dr. A. Siegel presented his report.

He said that regarding the figures, they represent the the 2014-15 budget and budget for 2016. The Year 2014 which was rather a difficult year, the difference is explained by less income and higher expense.

This year he expects the deficit can be reduced to about 250, 000 euro.

In [Annex 55](#) there is a proposed budget for 2016. Against the background of deficits in 2014 and 2015, it was made very conservatively. The expected income is 2 mln 310 and expenses are 2mnl – giving a surplus.

For 2016, there should be a surplus and FIDE should try and save money in future. FIDE has to increase income so that it can survive unexpected costs.

He proposed to save money, in traveling, and the former rule for PB members that they can fly in business class if they are 4 hours will be temporarily withdrawn. They will now need the Treasurer's approval first.

Mr. Bond said that DEV is awarded extra zero.

Mr. Freeman said this was a misprint.

The Board approved the report and the budget for 2016.

2.2. Permanent Fund report.

[Annex 3](#) is report of the Permanent Fund Administrator Mr. L. Brunner.

The Board approved the report.

2.3. Verification Commission report.

[Annex 4](#) and [Annex 43](#) are the Commission's reports.

Mr. Boxall said that 2014 was a disappointing year for FIDE. FIDE is a great organisation with a great number of talented persons running it and many of them do not receive anything. Our assets as by the end of 2014 are less than one year's turnover. To lose another 700,000 in a single year will badly compromise our financial security. FIDE has to keep afloat. It is not all down to the Treasurer's budget, and he could not foresee several things. We have to tread carefully, and be less ambitious for a while and concentrate on core activities and think twice before spending money we do not have and business should be nurtured carefully.

He thanked M. Murphy and especial thanks to N. Freeman for his constant help and advice. He said he was looking forward to working with our new Treasurer A. Siegel.

The report was accepted.

2.3.1. Election of a new member.

Mr. Freeman said that we need another member of the Verification Commission as it is difficult to operate this Commission without a member as it is only a 3 member Commission.

As to the method of adding another member, the Statutes conflict as to which body can approve. After consultation, the Constitutional Commission recommends to appoint one person as an observer to the Commission so far and then to have elections at the General Assembly in Baku.

He recommended that Mr. T. Sitale of Botswana is appointed as the observer.

The Board approved the recommendation of Mr. Freeman.

The Board reconfirmed Ernst & Young as FIDE External Auditors.

2.4. Discharge of the Treasurer.

The Board discharged the Treasurer.

3. Affiliations and Exclusions.

3.1. Eritrea Chess Federation.

[Annex 5](#) is the application and the Constitution.

The Board approved.

3.2. Kosovo Chess Federation.

[Annex 6](#) is the application and the Statutes.

We have been advised by CON to put as asterix as IOC has recognized: "All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo".

The Board approved. Kosovo should be used with an asterix.

3.3. Liberia Chess Federation.

[Annex 7](#) is the application and the Constitution.

The Board approved.

3.4. Nauru Chess Federation.

[Annex 8](#) is the application and the Constitution.

The Board approved.

FIDE welcomed the new members to our family.

3.5. South African Chess Federation.

Mr. Freeman reported that just before the Congress almost all the arbiters had been paid as had FIDE. Therefore there is no need to take action. South Africa has confirmed that it wishes to be an active member in FIDE and make a positive contribution.

4. Administrative matters.

4.1. FIDE Offices.

4.1.1. Athens Office.

Mr. N. Freeman said that all the staff were here except for Eva. He thanked the staff for the hard work and said that everyone finds them exceptionally helpful. He was very pleased with their help. He hoped that in future the office is not used as a political football and it is just seen as service body.

It has a new member, press-officer N. Karlovich, who will be based in Athens. In her absence, Goran Urosevic is in Abu Dhabi publishing daily reports on our website about the Congress and this has not been done before. This shows the start of a more active FIDE website.

4.1.2. Elista Office.

Mr. N. Freeman thanked and complimented the staff. He said that everybody seems happy with their services.

We are very lucky with dedication of our staff and I hope the Federations are satisfied with the services they provide.

Mr. Makropoulos said we have a proposal to develop websites and the Secretariat should work closely with this proposal, and not let the Commissions use other servers.

The Board agreed that everything will be on our website regarding Commissions' pages.

4.1.3. Moscow Office.

[Annex 58.](#)

Mr. Balgabaev said that to meet the requests the office has cooperated and prepared the FIDE live ratings and after the PB meeting in Chengdu, a working group has looked again at this proposal after revision of the proposal. He said everybody got the presentation.

5. Commissions.

Mr. Freeman said many reports were missing in time to review them and comment. Therefore some measures that are approved can later sent back by the Presidential Board to the next General Assembly.

5.1. Central Board of Commissions.

[Annex 36](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi.

The Board accepted the report.

5.2. Qualification Commission.

[Annex 9](#) is Agenda for the Commission's meeting.

[Annex 10](#) is summaries of title applications.

[Annex 45](#) is the Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi and additional summaries for title applications.

Mr. Makropoulos said that online games will be discussed later.

Mr. Stubenvoll said there was a request from AIDEF to give them the Commonwealth status. This was postponed to the GA in Baku. More information is needed about quality of the titles.

Mr. Makropoulos said they should speak to AIDEF and get more information.

The Board accepted the Commission's report and approved the titles.

5.3. Arbiters' Commission.

[Annex 11](#) is Agenda for the Commission's meeting.

[Annex 12](#) is summaries of title applications.

[Annex 41](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi with appendices.

Mr. Nikolopoulos said and since the previous Congress, there are projects for the future, in Tromso FIDE distributed Arbiters Manuals, 2000 books to 80 Federations. The new project is the Arbiters Magazine, which all present had received. It helps

arbiters to see updated regulations and it includes disciplinary cases.

The Commission's next project is to train the arbiters in anti-cheating regulations, in cooperation with the ACC. This will be mainly done by Internet seminars, so arbiters become familiar with the regulations and trained permanently on the Internet, to minimise the expenses.

Mr. Makropoulos said it is an excellent work which has been done for many years. He thanked Mr. Nikolopoulos and his Commission for his work and asked if there is a process for downgrading arbiters.

Mr. Nikolopoulos said regulations do not have downgrading of arbiters. He said he will bring a proposal to the General Assembly in Baku.

The Board accepted the Commission's report and approved the titles.

5.4. Trainers' Commission.

[Annex 13](#) is Commission's report.

[Annex 14](#) is summaries of title applications.

[Annex 35](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi with appendices.

Mr. Makropoulos said the Board will check the proposal and discuss it.

Mr. Michalchshin said that the Commission cooperates with Medical Commission and also has very good cooperation with Women's Commission, Arbiters Commission and also with Social Actions Commission and he thanked Mrs. Marinello.

He also mentioned that there had been some talks with Events Commission and had spoken to Mr. Tsorbatzoglou and they will present proposals it to the World Championship and Olympiad Commission.

He said the proposal of Russian CF was not discussed, it is necessary in some way to stop cheating.

Mr. Makropoulos said surely they did not mean that the trainers of World Champions should be in playing area, or in the candidates tournament. Discussions should be held as to where exactly trainers are allowed. In schools Championship, it is logical not to have trainers and parents.

Mr. Michalchishin agreed.

The Board accepted the Commission's report and approved the titles.

5.5. Technical Commission.

[Annex 15](#) is Commission's report.

[Annex 38](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi.

Mr. Makropoulos said new technologies are a very sensitive matter and we have to study the pros or cons and if we find out that we need a special test, we will have to do it.

The Board accepted the Commission's report.

5.6. Rules and Tournament Regulations Commission.

[Annex 56](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi.

The report was for information as their proposals will have to be approved by GA in Baku.

There will be several discussions further as some of the decisions will affect the WCO matters.

Mr. Vardapetyan agreed.

The Board agreed.

5.7. Constitutional Commission.

[Annex 59](#).

The Executive Board approved the report of the Commission, included the indications concerning the appointment and functioning of Ethics Commission's investigative chambers on cheating cases.

The Executive Board, on the other hand, bearing in mind the technicalities of the subject of the report, recommends to organise a joint meeting of the chairmen of the Constitutional Commission, Ethics Commission, Anti-cheating Committee, with the presence of the FIDE officials, if available, aimed to finalise the publication and dissemination of a consolidated text on FIDE rules concerning anti-cheating

5.8. Systems of Pairings and Programs Commission.

[Annex 16](#) is Commission's Agenda and Annexes.

[Annex 42](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi.

The Board accepted the Commission's report.

5.9. Development Commission.

[Annex 57](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi.

The Board accepted the Commission's report.

5.10. Chess in Schools Commission.

[Annex 17](#) is Commission's report.

[Annex 44](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi.

Mr. O'Connell said the report was distributed.

The project for preschool kids under 6 years is started. School instructor title is now a job for CIS after the discussion with TRG. Certificate for administration of schools.

Premium school membership – introduced 4 years ago, the progression was good. 7,000 members.

The Board accepted the Commission's report.

5.11. Women's Chess Commission.

[Annex 18](#) is Commission's report.

[Annex 40](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi.

The Board accepted the Commission's report.

5.12. Social Action Commission.

[Annex 48](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi.

Ms. Marinello said the year was active and particularly the work in Uganda. They are working in many programs. She thanked the members of her Commission for their hard work.

The Board accepted the Commission's report.

5.13. Social Projects Commission.

[Annex 47](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi.

The Board accepted the Commission's report.

5.14. Chess for Disabled Commission.

[Annex 31](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Athens.

[Annex 34](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi.

The Board accepted the Commission's report.

5.15. Medical Commission.

[Annex 39](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi.

The Board accepted the Commission's report.

5.16. Ethics Commission.

[Annex 52](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi.

Mr. Strydom said they were working quietly and at the same time wanted to be transparent and that they needed a place on the FIDE website where the case register could be published as well as a short summary of decisions, so people could check the current status.

Mr. Krause asked about case 6/2013. He is missing the case of German Federation from the Tallinn Executive Board and asked what had been decided.

Mr. Strydom said that they should talk privately, as many cases were inherited from the predecessors and they will look into the matter.

Mr. Sundar said about case of K. Humpy. He said that they had a discussion with Mr. Strydom. He said FIDE Code of Ethics comprises organisers as well. He said Mr. Makropoulos said that organisers of a tournament cannot come to FIDE but only Federations. He said that Ethics considered the Championship as a common, but it was a Commonwealth event so he disagrees with the decision. Commonwealth Championship is an important event. He said he does not go to the merits of the decision.

Mr. Strydom said on page 4 we have dealt with your concern. The decision is final.

Mr. Strydom also explained the procedure of the decisions system.

He said we intend to make a process will be visible and comprehensible. Many cases had to be rejected. People do not understand that it is an international level and also a complaint had to be made personally and Indian CF cannot do anything on behalf of the other party.

First the Commission sees if a case is a receivable. Then they make a decision and if it is guilty, then there is another stage - deciding on the penalty.

On the specific question, Mr. Strydom said that Kasparov and Leong would be given some time to respond and the matter should be resolved within the next two months.

The Board accepted the Commission's report.

5.17. Events Commission.

[Annex 19](#) is Commission's minutes from the meeting in Moscow.

[Annex 50](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi.

[Annex 20](#) is summaries of IO title applications.

The Board accepted the Commission's report and approved the titles.

5.18. Journalists' Commission.

[Annex 21](#) is Commission's proposals.

The Board accepted.

5.19. Anti-Cheating Committee.

[Annex 46](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi.

[Annex 53](#) is Proposals of Russian Chess Federation.

Mr. Garrett said that Annex 53 was received very late and he had met with Mr. Filatov.

Mr. Makropoulos said they want to make sure that the Olympiad goes smoothly. They have specific proposals to decide here. He proposed to accept all the proposals that we agree except one – delayed transmission not in 30 minutes but in 2 moves.

The final document will be prepared after work with the RCF and the ACC to apply for the next Olympiad

The other proposals to be considered later and to be approved in Baku General Assembly.

Mr Garrett said jamming devices in many countries are not allowed and he asked for them not to be mentioned.

Mr. Makropoulos said that they are in the WCOC regulations and regulations for the events and we describe exactly what we want. It is not new.

The Board approved the proposal of Mr. Makropoulos about the proposals of Russian CF.

The Board accepted the report of ACC.

5.20. Online Commission.

[Annex 22](#) is Agenda for the Commission meeting.

[Annex 23](#) is a Proposal for conducting over the board tournaments in FIDE Online Arena.

[Annex 24](#) is a Proposal for awarding winners of FIDE Official Online Championships with accommodation to the relevant over the board FIDE Official Competitions.

[Annex 49](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi.

Mr. Makropoulos said the main point is to use the online service to help Federations who have problems. He also explained the proposals: online team competitions are to be rated the same as over-the-board results. But the online tournament cannot provide norms for titles.

Mr. Herbert said in Americas there are possibilities to enhance tournaments, as Treasurer of the Continent the only events are the key events. Recently Mr. Vega had to select Americas candidates and we think we should be able to hold the Continental Championship. The mechanism like this would allow us to host many events.

Mr. Stubenvoll said QC in its meeting was against the proposal to have ratings for these online matches and the main reasons that we are not against the idea ,the idea is very good but there are not current regulations and we have to be careful to avoid cheating and that the main principles.

Mr. Makropoulos said that QC decision was very close with one vote difference which means that people feel that we really need this. We say let's try for one year and let's make a test and then we will develop. Nothing will be damaged, just to have a real image.

Mr. Bond proposed to ask RTRC and QC to create some kind of regulations worked through the QC.

Mr. Makropoulos said there will be a system to be tested, and in Baku there will be a final decision.

The Board voted in favour of the proposal of Mr. Makropoulos.

Mr. Pein asked if it was limited to the team tournaments.

Mr. Makropoulos said it was.

The Board accepted the report of Online Commission.

5.21. Commission on World Championship and Olympiads.

- 1. FIDE World Cup 2015**
- 2. FIDE World Cup 2017**
- 3. FIDE World Championship match 2016**
- 4. FIDE Candidates matches 2016**
- 5. FIDE Grand- Prix series 2014-2015**
- 6. FIDE Women's Grand Prix series 2013-2014**
- 7. FIDE Women's World Championship Match 2015**
- 8. FIDE Women's World Championship 2014**
- 9. FIDE World Team Championship 2015**
- 10. FIDE World Team Championship 2017**
- 11. FIDE World Team Championship 2019**
- 12. FIDE Women's World Team Championship 2015**
- 13. FIDE Women's World Team Championship 2017**
- 14. FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2015**
- 15. FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2016**
- 16. FIDE Women's World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2013-2014**
- 17. World Chess Olympiad 2016**
- 18. World Chess Olympiad 2018**
- 19. World Chess Olympiad 2020**

[Annex 37](#) is Minutes of the meeting in Abu Dhabi.

Mr. Makropoulos said there is a request from Americas – 8 places from the Continent for women’s championship and one only for the Continental. They want to have annual events and they request for another slot. There are two possibilities, either to take from 5 top by rating and it is not possible, or one to take from the zone of 2.1 is a big event and they get 3 places. China is a zone has one place, so WCOG recommended with Mr. Khodarkovksy was present in the second solution.

The other argument is clear that the old zonal system gave some advantages to the Federations but we do not do this. He said that it is completely unfair if India and China have 1 place, so it is logical to have one removed from US.

Mr. Guadalupe said he supported the Continental President and he understood the math but he was not at the meeting.

Mr. Khodarkovsky said that at the WCOG meeting was discussed that we will find some compromise and it was unexpected with all respect and they made some statistical analysis. We are not challenging the proposal and we respect our continental championship and want to have it every year. However the statistics is saying this but this might take some time for your to revise and then the decision would not be taken today. He asked the President to allocate one wildcard to one highly rated player from western hemisphere.

Mr. Makropoulos said he did not understand the logics.

Mr. Khodarkovsky said in the spirit of supporting women’s chess in US and Continent, he is asking for a chance to consider a possibility with a wildcard from the Continent.

The President will consider this possibility.

Mr. Makropoulos said we should give more places for Asia.

President has only two wildcards. There are different requests, e.g. from Sandu from Romania etc, for a wildcard for her. And she is a player rated 2300.

The proposal of the WCOG to transfer one place for the Women’s World Championship from the USA to the American Continental Championship is accepted.

The Board noted Annex 54 – report of Agon.

5.21.1. FIDE World Cup 2015.

The event shall be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, 10 September – 5 October 2015.

Mr. Makropoulos said everything was prepared there. The Anti-Cheating Committee is ready. Ms. Tsedenova has visited recently and checked all facilities.

5.21.2. FIDE World Cup 2017.

The event shall be held in Tbilisi, Georgia, 1-25 September 2017.

5.21.3. FIDE World Championship Match 2016.

5.21.4. FIDE Candidates' Tournament 2016.

Venue to be decided. Proposed dates are 9-28 March 2016.

Mr. Makropoulos said Mr. Merenzon of Agon had planned to be here but had to cancel the last moment. The organisers cancelled his visa and he is unable to come. He had a meeting today with former President of the Russian Chess Federation, Vice-Prime Minister of Russia A. Dvorkovich, because we have a serious problem that there is a decision in Russia that Russian sponsors cannot sponsor any more events outside of Russia. And several FIDE events have Russian sponsors now. Russian Federation is trying to help Agon.

Mr. Makropoulos advised that Agon had agreed to pay 125,000 euros by this year end and plans to pay 500,000 euros by the end of 2016.

[Annex 54](#) is the report of Agon.

Mr. Balgabaev referred to the report. He thanked Mr. Filatov who came forward with a working proposal.

5.21.5. FIDE Grand-Prix series.

Baku, Azerbaijan	-	1 October - 15 October 2014
Tashkent, Uzbekistan	-	20 October - 4 November 2014
Tbilisi, Georgia	-	14 February - 28 February 2015
Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia	-	13 May - 27 May 2015

Mr. Borg said for the current cycle we will try to have 6 tournaments.

5.21.6. FIDE Women's Grand-Prix series.

Mr. G. Borg presented the venues for the series. He said that he explained to WCOC the system of playing depending on 4 or 5 or 6 events. The best would be 6 tournaments. One question proposal of Mongolia – gray area, not a high percentage. He recommended we stick to 4 tournaments. 26 September we should have a final decision on the number of the tournaments.

Mr. Balgabaev said the Kiev letter confirmed that they are ready to organise in October 2016.

The Board noted.

5.21.7. FIDE Women's World Championship 2015.

The event was held in Sochi, Russia, 16 March – 4 April 2015.

Mr. Makropoulos said the event was referred to in the President's speech.

5.21.8. FIDE Women's World Championship Match 2015.

The event will be held in March 2016 in Lviv, Ukraine.

The event was normally scheduled to be held this October.

Mr. Balgabaev said there was a meeting of the Organising Committee on August 31st and we have a signed contract and it will be sent to Ukraine. The prize fund is 210, 000 euros. Dates are 1-18 March 2016. The opening is on March 1. Possible tiebreaks on March 18.

There will be a working meeting this week with Kapustin present. This month there will be another Organising Committee meeting. The Chairman is Mr. Levkin, Head of President's Administration of Ukraine.

5.21.9. FIDE World Team Championship 2015.

The event was held in Tsakhadzor, Armenia, 18-29 April 2015.

[Annex 25](#) is Chief Arbiter's report.

5.21.10. FIDE World Team Championship 2017.

The event will be held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, 15-27 May 2017.

Mr. Balgabaev said Khanty-Mansiysk are asking to give them more tournaments after 2017.

5.21.11. FIDE World Team Championship 2019.

Bidding procedure to be announced.

5.21.12. FIDE Women's World Team Championship 2015.

The event was held in Chengdu, China, 18-29 April 2015.

[Annex 26](#) is Chief Arbiter's report.

5.21.13. FIDE Women's World Team Championship 2017.

The event will be held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, 15-27 May 2017.

5.21.14. FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2015.

The event will be held in Berlin, Germany, 9-15 October 2015.

5.21.15. FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2016.

1-10 June 2016. No bids so far.

5.21.16. FIDE Women's World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2015.

1-11 May 2015. No bids so far.

Mr. Borg said there is an expression of interest from Qatar, but there is no formal bid so far. They want to organise men and women together.

January, 5-12 2016, together with the Women's Commission, there will be specific rules and we will award the title, in conjunction with IMSA Games.

5.21.17. FIDE Women's World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2016.

1-11 May 2016. No bids so far.

This is a possibly Qatar and possibly Moscow.

5.21.18. World Chess Olympiad 2016.

The event will be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, 17-30 September 2016.

5.21.19. World Chess Olympiad 2018.

The event will be held in Batumi, Georgia, 23 September – 7 October 2018.

Section D. FIDE Meetings, Tournaments and Matches.

6.1. Presidential Board and FIDE Congresses.

6.1.1. 2015-2016 Presidential Board meetings.

2015 3rd quarter PB was held in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

6.1.2. 87th FIDE Congress 2016.

The event will be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, 20-30 September 2016.

6.1.3. 88th FIDE Congress 2017.

No bids so far. Bidding should be opened.

6.1.4. 89th FIDE Congress 2018.

The event will be held in Batumi, Georgia, 27 September – 7 October 2018.

6.2. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship.

6.2.1. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2015.

The event will be held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, 1-16 September 2015.

6.2.2. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2016.

The event will be held in Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India, 7-21 August 2016.

6.2.3. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2017.

The event will be held in Tarvisio, Italy, 1-16 October 2017.

6.3. World Youth Championships U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18.

6.3.1. World Youth Championships 2015.

The event will be held in Porto Carras, Halkidiki, Greece, from 24 October to 5 November 2015.

6.3.2. World Youth Championships U-14, U-16, U-18 2016.

The event will be held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, 1-15 September 2016.

6.3.3. World Cadet Championship U-8, U-10, U-12 2016.

The event will be held in Batumi, Georgia, 18-30 October 2016.

6.3.4. World Youth Championships U-14, U-16, U-18 2017.

The event will be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, 16-26 September 2017.

6.3.5. World Cadet Championship U-8, U-10, U-12 2017.

The event will be held in Brasilia, Brazil, 21-31 August 2017.

6.4. World Seniors Championship.

6.4.1. World Senior Championship 2015.

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

6.4.2. World Senior Championship 2016.

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

6.4.3. World Senior Championship 2017.

The event will be held in Venice, Italy, 6-19 November 2017.

6.4.4. World Senior Team Championship 2015.

The event was held in Dresden, Germany, 24 February – 4 March 2015.

6.4.5. World Senior Team Championship 2016.

The event will be held in Dresden, Germany, 26 June – 4 July 2016.

6.4.6. World Senior Team Championship 2017.

The event will be held in Eretria, Greece, 28 April – 8 May 2017.

6.5. World Amateur Championship.

6.5.1. World Amateur Championship 2015.

The event was held in Porto Carras, Halkidiki, Greece, 13-22 April 2015.

6.5.2. World Amateur Championship 2016.

The event will be held in Eretria, Greece, 26 August – 3 September 2016.

6.5.3. World Amateur Championship 2017.

No bids received.

Mr. Tsorbatzoglou proposed some changes to the Regulations. There are two countries, USA and Italy, that are expected to bid in the next two weeks.

6.6. World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad.

6.6.1. World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2015.

The event was held in Ulan-Bator, Mongolia, 19-28 August 2015.

[Annex 33](#) is Chief Arbiter's report.

6.6.2. World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2016.

[Annex 27](#) is a bid from Slovakia to organize the World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2016.

The event will be held from 21 to 30 July 2016.

The Board approved the bid and awarded the event to Slovakia.

6.6.3. World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2017.

No bids received.

Mr. Tsorbatzoglou said the Turkish Chess Federation said they want to organise and they will bring the proposal in the next weeks.

India is asking that they will organise the event.

The bid of India was approved.

6.7. World Schools Individual Championship.

6.7.1. World Schools Individual Championship 2015.

The event was held in Pattaya, Thailand, 6-15 May 2015.

[Annex 28](#) is Chief Arbiter's report.

6.7.2. World Schools Individual Championship 2016.

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

6.7.3. World Schools Individual Championship 2017.

The event will be held in Iasi, Romania, 21-30 April 2017.

Mr. Freeman said for 2018 there is a bid from Russia (Annex 32) and another from India.

Bidding will be open 1 January – 31st March 2016.

7. Reports of Continental Presidents.

7.1. Report of Continental President for Europe.

Mr. Z. Azmaiparashvili said he will have his first GA next month, all European delegates are invited. The Board is doing our job and all things are going well and our financial situation is improving.

Mr. Makropoulos asked what about the scandal about the company called ECU in Delaware, USA, and with an account in Slovenia and the money sent there.

Mr. Azmaiparashvili said there is a legal procedure which is going normally and lawyers are involved. Management from Europe that there are things which we cannot do without permission of our lawyers and in Bulgaria there are many unofficial invitations but I would like to have an official invitation. We published everything on our website and we published a statement. And about the money which was transferred to this account. It should be for the Bulgarian side to investigate the process. In our capacity we are doing things and next month at the GA we will proceed to more practical steps to find out if somebody is guilty in this. We will inform FIDE after our GA.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed to the ECU Board that because this company is under the jurisdiction of the USA and under FBI, we should inform FBI. If it is about money laundry, do not forget the FIFA matters.

Mr. Azmaiparashvili said thanks for the advice and they will follow.

7.2. Report of Continental President for Americas.

[Annex 29](#) is Continental President's report.

Mr. Bond said we are sensitive but we were excluded from this report for timing reasons. Please add our zone to the report.

The Board accepted.

7.3. Report of Asian Continental President.

[Annex 60](#) is Minutes of the Continental Meeting in Abu Dhabi.

7.4. Report of African Continental President.

[Annex 51](#) is Minutes of the Continental Meeting in Abu Dhabi.

The Board accepted.

8. SportAccord 2015.

The Convention was held in Sochi, Russia, 19-24 April 2015.

Mr. Makropoulos said we should have annexed a report.

Mr. Borg said the President had touched upon the issue. His election is very prestigious and important.

There was a clash between SportAccord and the IOC and it resulted in SportAccord President's resigning. There will be an extraordinary GA of SportAccord and we are monitoring the situation but it is very complex. As FIDE and IMSA we are enjoying good relations with SportAccord

9. Any other business.

9.1. Appointment of FIDE Development Director.

President of the UAE Chess Federation S. Al Megbali has welcomed the Board and received a letter of gratitude and nomination to the position of the FIDE Development Director. Mr. Freeman read out the appointment letter. The FIDE thanked him for the organization of the FIDE Congress and we look forward to future mutual projects.

9.2. Celebration years.

Committee to report. The Committee has not produced any report.

[Annex 30](#) is an email from the Estonian Chess Federation.

We are waiting for the Committee which will provide it for the next PB with proposals for the names 2016-2020.

The letter of the FIDE President was read to congratulate Martha Fierro on her birthday.

9.3. A proposal of Mr. H. Bond.

Mr. Bond proposed that FIDE move from paper and give an option of tablet and digital copies to be available to everyone during Congresses.

9.4. Live ratings.

Mr. Balgabaev presented the live ratings project. This does not require rating officers, immediate updates, use of devices, compliance with rules of chess, and 24/7/365 technical support.

He said we found the ways to calculate all tournament and all forms of play. By 2019 we would increase the number of rated players by 3 mln. He gave an example of Kemerovo rating system. Live rating can do any rating categories. He said he proposes a testing period starting September 2015 for six months and to report the results to FIDE. Payments for FIDE rating are to be made by the organisers and not by national federations and players. Royalties will go to National Federations and FIDE. Estimated revenues will help a lot to the FIDE budget.

Mr. Ochoa said the big Federations will not be happy with the proposal that the fees to be paid by the Organisers.

Mr. Balgabaev said they would amend that all big Federations have full control.

Mr. Sundar said he had seen this proposal and it is based on the fact that some Federations do not have good rating officers, but most of rating officers do good job. And Federations will not be in favour of players talking directly to FIDE; Everything should go through each federation. This should be our basic principle. Number two – 1 usd for India is a big money. He supported Ochoa also in his reasoning. He proposed to withdraw the proposal.

Mr. Balgabaev said it looks revolutionary and maybe you think it is not acceptable. But he said all issues are discussable. There are about 12,000 tournaments but every year there are about 100,000 tournaments, but in FIDE we calculate only 10% of the chess events.

Mr. Hamers said he was surprised to be presented a proposal of 17 pages with no time to read it. He had been here a week and this is the first he had heard about it. The present rating system is one of the main assets of FIDE and should not be changed drastically. It is better to send this to the Commissions; QC, Online and for them to discuss this. Some tournaments have no need to be rated and it has to be very well thought out before a decision is taken.

Mr. Balgabaev said that is why it is proposed to have six months testing period.

Mr. Filatov said we do not understand the testing of the Kemerovo. And first speak to the Russian CF. He said we do not know if Kemerovo pay or not. Russian CF does not agree, they have national rating. He said he is not sure the system will work.

Mr. Balgabaev said he fully agreed. He said in Kemerovo, and St. Petersburg agree to go the testing.

Mr. Kenmure said that we should support this proposal. He is a rating officer of five federations. He spoke in favour of the proposal as it will bring the revenue to FIDE and

it brings more transparency as well.

Mr. Makropoulos said the big figures which Mr. Balgabaev is proposing, are not sure. He said it is a not very good estimation. He said we need to open discussion to everybody, analysis and facts. In any case he proposed to give a period of testing, where no Federation pays. Until next March the discussions will continue, we will see if they succeed to present anything serious with maths, proper statistics etc and then in the next General Assembly we will see if there is anything to discuss.

Mr. Herbert said he supports the recommendation of Mr. Makropoulos and drew attention to the full analysis in Development Commission Report.

Mr. Makropoulos in response to a further question said that research will be done, some federations will co-operate, some will not. He personally thought that they will not succeed.

The Board agreed to Mr. Makropoulos proposal.

9.5. A Proposal of Mr. A. Filatov.

Mr. Filatov said Promotion and mainstreaming of the chess movement today requires a more proactive approach of national chess federations. We must act, reach out to communities far beyond chess clubs and become more open to the broadest cooperation with mass media, in order to promote our agenda.

We must participate in socially significant projects and, considering recent international developments, we must elaborate programs beneficial to societies and cooperate with mass media to promote them.

Amid the grave events in Donetsk last year, the Russian Chess Federation actively engaged with Ukrainian refugees, bringing in coaches and teachers, and organizing junior competitions. Named Chess for the Good, the project received press coverage and undoubtedly helped to promote chess. The experience was extremely useful. I am convinced that the FIDE members should actively engage with international social and humanitarian organizations, such as The International Red Cross, to gather support for chess and promote it further.

And one more point. It is no secret that international sports in general are currently in a difficult situation. The highly publicized recent FIFA scandal triggered a global public outcry, and the upcoming FIFA presidential election will be undoubtedly held under massive public scrutiny.

I suggest we consider and discuss our support for a specific candidate or, perhaps, nominate our own.

Personally, I suggest nominating Mr. Ilyumzhinov, an experienced sports manager with, among others, expertise in football, even though such nomination may surprise him. This would not guarantee victory but, according to the Olympic motto, the most important thing is to take part.

This would certainly allow us to increase media exposure. I repeat, we must jointly adopt a more proactive approach, develop chess programs, engage in socially significant projects, work towards the inclusion of chess in the list of Olympic disciplines, make sure chess becomes part of the Paralympic movement, and strengthen the reputation and authority of the FIDE in international sports.

You have witnessed success and efficiency of our projects Chess in Museums and Chess in Schools. Experience of the FIDE truly deserves mainstreaming and we must also promote the FIDE itself as an organization that unites 186 nations. Especially considering that FIDE is not a political organization and is focused on fostering peace and cooperation”.

Mr. Makropoulos said if there are some serious supporters of this idea in the world. We can support. If we only shake the waters, it is another story. We love Kirsan and we are ready to support him, but we will not vote there.

Mr. Ilyumzhinov thanked A. Filatov and said he started to think about it last year when there had been great corruption scandal in FIFA. He said that I discussed it with the IOC President T. Bach and other heads of international sports federations. And 14 members of FIFA are arrested. He said this is crisis and not only in FIFA and in some sport movement. During these 20 years, we started to work with the IOC. FIDE was looked at like young chicken. The image of FIDE has changed drastically in 20 years. They did not think 20 years ago that we are serious. But now we are one of the largest international sports organisations. Chess is my life and love of my life. He said that there are several candidates for this position, all insiders. He said in 1995 I was not in FIDE and I was not even a member of the Russian CF and they were against my candidacy. He thanks Mr. Filatov and Mr. Makropoulos for their opinion. He said we have good chances.

Mrs. Marinello said going back to the words of Mr. Filatov I think he said something very important that we can make the image of FIDE much better through social works and charities. I will be happy to work with the Russian CF and others, to help refugees and children in camp. And it will be very good for the image of FIDE and it is better than any advertisement.

Mr. Michalchshin said in 2012 Armenian team won the gold medal in the Olympiad and Mr. Sargssian told to Mr. Petrosian you are a fantastic trainer and he was proposed a position of chief trainer of the Armenian football national team. He refused but we in TRG told him to go. He supported the proposal.

Closing.

Mr. Ilyumzhinov said he thanked the UAE Chess Federation for the organization of the FIDE Congress.

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