



ELECTORAL COMMISSION

REPORT – 4 AUGUST 2022

The Electoral Commission (hereafter ELC) held a meeting in Chennai on the 4th of August 2022, to discuss and decide some complaints and requests received after the publication of the final lists of voters and candidacies. The meeting was attended by all members of the ELC: Roberto Rivello (chairman), Francois Strydom and Lakhdar Mazouz.

I) Requests and complaints regarding the list of the Member Federations having right to vote (including the names of Presidents and Delegates)

The provisional and the final lists of the Member federations having right to vote and of the voters were approved by the ELC in June and July 2022.

In accordance with art. 3.4 of the Electoral Rules “until thirty (30) days before elections, each MF can communicate any election or nomination of a different FIDE Delegate or President. Communications received after that date will not be taken into account for the purposes of the legitimacy to exercise the right the vote”.

The ELC examined the following requests, received after the conclusion of the previous meeting, held on the 23rd of July 2022:

- **Zimbabwe MF**: given that, as already communicated, following a meeting held on 16 July 2022, Mr Collen Tongowona ceased to be their President, the Zimbabwe MF requested to not recognise him as their current legitimate delegate. The request cannot be granted: the results of internal elections held after the deadline of the 7 July 2022 will be taken into consideration only after the conclusion of 2022 FIDE elections and not before. The *rationale* of the provision of art. 3.4 of the Electoral Rules is to determine and fix, in a not modifiable way, the list of delegates, avoiding any potential undue influence of FIDE elections in MF elections and nominations.

- Ecuador MF: no news was received about the pending case in front of the national judge (Tribunal de Garantías Penales), therefore the decision to recognise Mr. Felipe Delgado as the current President and Delegate of the Ecuadorian Chess Federation has to be confirmed.
- Kyrgyzstan MF: the decision, by the FIDE Offices, to recognise the “Association of Legal Entities Kyrgyz Chess Union”, instituted in March 2022, as the legitimate representative of the Kyrgyz Republic and as a member of FIDE, is not valid, being in contrast with art. 9.3 of the FIDE Charter (“The request of admission by a different federation, as a representative of a given country, can be considered only if the previously recognised Member Federation has been expelled by the General Assembly or has withdrawn from FIDE or is disbanded according to the procedure set out in its statutes and regulations. If a disbanded Member Federation was not in good financial standing with FIDE at the time of its disbandment, the new Member Federation shall take over all financial obligations of the former one, unless the General Assembly decides otherwise”). However, on the basis of the documents received by the parties, Mr. Babyrzhan Tolbaev was elected also as President of the “Chess Federation of the Kyrgyz Republic Public Association” and, at least initially, this election was not contested by Mr. Turpanov, Milan Kalybekovich. Therefore, also if it seems that there is still a pending case in front of national authorities, for the purposes of the 2022 FIDE Elections, Mr. Babyrzhan Tolbaev has to be confirmed as the delegate of the “Chess Federation of the Kyrgyz Republic Public Association”.

On the basis of these decisions, the list of voters has to be confirmed, without any change.

II) Requests and complaints regarding the list of candidacies.

After receiving a complaint by Ms. Chunhong Ning, regarding the exclusion of her candidacy as EDC Member, the ELC, being open to reconsider its decision, requested some clarifications about the exact functions exercised by Ms. Chunhong Ning for the Chinese Chess Federation. Having not received additional information about this issue, unfortunately the complaint must be rejected.


On the 2nd of August 2022, the ELC received a statement from Mr. Inal Sheripov, who declared to withdraw his candidacy for the Presidential ticket, for personal reasons.

Therefore, the list of Presidential ticket candidacies has to be modified as follows:

- Mr. Andrii Baryshpolets and Mr. Peter-Heine Nielsen;
- Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich and Mr. Anand Viswanathan;
- Mr. Bachar Kouatly and Mr. Ian Wilkinson.

Chennai, 4 August 2022

Roberto Rivello

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roberto Rivello', written over a horizontal line.