



ELECTORAL COMMISSION

REPORT – 25 JUNE 2022

The Electoral Commission (hereafter ELC) held an on-line meeting on 25th of June 2022.

The meeting was attended by all members of the ELC: Roberto Rivello (chairman), Francois Strydom and Lakhdar Mazouz.

The ELC preliminary took note that the deadline, for the submission of complaints regarding the eligibility of the candidates for the position of FIDE President or Deputy President, has expired. No complaint was submitted. For this reason, this point was deleted from the agenda. Consequently, the participation in this meeting of the observers nominated by the FIDE Continents was not requested (in accordance with art. 12.5 of the Electoral Rules, observers are invited to participate in all ELC meetings related to submitted complaints concerning the right to vote and the eligibility of some candidates).

The following points were discussed and decided by the ELC.

I) Preliminary exam of received candidacies

To date, the ELC received:

- 6 candidacies for the position of elected Vice President;
- 13 candidacies for the positions of Zonal President, concerning 12 different Zones;
- 1 candidature for the position of Member of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission;
- 0 candidatures for the position of Member of the Constitutional Commission.

For one of the candidacies for the position of elected Vice President decided, in accordance with art. 4.2, 5.3 and 5.4 of the Electoral Rules, the ELC to advise the candidate to submit additional documents.

Two candidates for the position of Zonal President did not attach to their application form any nomination. The ELC, after discussing the general point, decided to advise them that the ELC considers, at the moment, without prejudice to the ELC's final decision, to interpret the Electoral Rules in the sense that one nomination is necessary for submitting a valid candidacy for the position of Zonal President.

II) Deadline of the 7th July 2022

Having noticed that, till now, no one has submitted candidacies for some pending positions (Zonal President for some Zones, member of the Constitutional Commission) and that the deadline of the 7th of July is approaching, the ELC asks FIDE Offices to publish a piece of news on the FIDE website, reminding everyone what follows:

- that on the 7th of July 2022 the deadline will expire for submitting candidacies for the positions of: elected Vice President, Zonal President, Member of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission, Member of the Constitutional Commission;
- that the receipt of candidacies is a necessary condition for valid elections;
- that, in case of absence of valid candidacies for these positions, the correspondent election will not be held in 2022 and would have to be postponed to 2023.

III) Interpretation of art. 3.4 of the Electoral Rules in case of new internal elections of a Member Federation

FIDE Offices informed the ELC that some Federations asked to know if, in case of internal elections held less than 30 days but more than 15 days before FIDE elections, a newly elected President of a Member Federations can request and obtain the right to vote in the FIDE elections.

The ELC, with unanimity, decided that the question must be answered in the negative.

Art. 3.4 of the Electoral Rules is fully clear about this point: “until thirty (30) days before elections, each Member Federation 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. Only in case of proven impossibility of the person entitled to exercise the right to vote, communicated no later than fifteen (15) days before the elections, the FIDE Delegate of a Member Federation may be replaced by the President of that Federation, or the President by the FIDE Delegate, and only if their names were already included in the above-mentioned list”.

A new election is not a “proven impossibility”.

There could be just an exception, related to Council's decisions regarding the suspension of a Member Federation or the nomination of a Reverse delegate for a given Member Federation. In these cases, given that no name of President nor Delegate appear

at present in the list of having voting right, this fact could be considered as a “proven impossibility” and new elections could be taken into account.

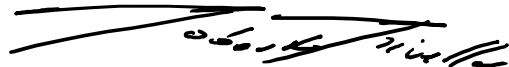
IV) Anonymous notes about alleged violations of art. 7 of the Electoral Rules

The ELC, without receiving a formal complaint, was informed about anonymous notes regarding alleged proposed conduct by some candidates to the positions of FIDE President and Deputy President, on occasion of a given event, that would constitute a serious violation of art. 7 of the Electoral Rules.

The ELC cannot examine anonymous notes, however, decided that the mentioned persons will be informed that the ELC will monitor with great attention their conduct, as the conduct of all candidates.

Turin, 25 June 2022

Roberto Rivello

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