



CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY **NOVEMBER 2025**

A meeting of the Constitutional Commission (hereafter CC), whose members are Ivy Claire Amoko, Erald Dervishi, Marouane Tabti, Ian Wilkinson, chairman Roberto Rivello, was held in Lausanne, on the 15th and 16th of November 2025. Erald Dervishi, Marouane Tabti and Roberto Rivello attended the meeting in person, Ian Wilkinson from distance, via web-connection, Ivy Claire Amoko was absent and justified.

The following points were discussed and unanimously approved during the meeting:

- Opening remarks by the CC Chairman.
- Schedule of CC activities concerning the 2025 meeting of the General Assembly (hereafter GA).
- Relevant issues for the CC in the agenda of the 2025 GA meeting:
 - o Expulsion of the current Burkina Faso Chess Federation - Comité National Burkinabe des Echecs -CNBE
 - o Admission of the Fédération Burkinabè de Jeu d'Echecs as new FIDE Member
 - o Admission of the Fédération Guinéenne de Jeu d'Echecs as new FIDE Member
 - o Admission of the Marshall Islands Chess Federation as new FIDE Member
 - o Admission of the Kiribati Chess Federation as new FIDE Member
 - o FIDE Council proposal of changes to the art. 17.6 of the Charter
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- Drafting of a proposal of By-laws under art. 7.4 of FIDE Charter, regarding clarification of the interpretation of art. 13.7 of the Charter.
- Drafting of a proposal of Regulations on the diffusion and development of chess activities in territories which are the object of disputes.
- Any other business:
 - o Request submitted by Mr. Mev-Rael

- Request submitted by Ms. Margaret Murphy.
- Request submitted by Mr. Peter Heine Nielsen.

1) OPENING REMARKS BY THE CC CHAIRMAN

The CC Chairman, being this meeting of the Commission the first one in person, after its election in Budapest during the 2024 FIDE Congress, briefly reminds that, in accordance with the FIDE Charter, the main competences of the CC are:

- to review and to recommend proposed changes of the FIDE Charter, Bylaws, Electoral Rules, Ethics and Disciplinary Code, Financial Rules and Rules on Non-elected Commissions;

- to verify, in non-electoral years, the list of Member Federations having right to vote, the list of suspended Member Federations and the list of Presidents and Delegates having right to participate in the meetings of the General Assembly, deciding complaints, if any;

- to deliver mandatory advisory opinions on any dispute concerning Part II of FIDE Charter, when it does not concern FIDE elections;

- to ensure that proposed changes of FIDE Charter, Electoral Rules, Ethics and Disciplinary Code, Financial Rules and Rules on Non-elected Commissions occur in conformity with the established procedural rules and to report to the Council and to the General Assembly on all violations of FIDE Charter, after checking all new or updated FIDE rules and regulations;

- to deliver advisory opinions on any other interpretative question about the FIDE Charter, By-laws, Electoral Rules, Financial Rules and Rules on Nonelected Commissions submitted by a FIDE organ.

Many of these competences are related to the GA meetings. In 2025 the GA meeting has been scheduled on the 14th of December and must be rightly prepared.

2) SCHEDULE OF CC ACTIVITIES CONCERNING THE 2025 GA MEETING

2025 GA meeting has been scheduled on the 14th of December 2025.

An online meeting of the CC will be held on the 26th of November 2025, 7.00 PM Lausanne/CET time, during the FIDE Congress, open to the participation of all Delegates.

That same day, or, if necessary, the 28th of November 2025, after having received from the Secretariat the list of Member Federations having right to vote and the list of suspended Member Federations, an online CC meeting will be held, open exclusively to the participation of CC members, to verify and approve these lists, to be published the latest on the 29th of November 2025.

After having received complaints, if any, and after having received the list of requests of replacements of FIDE Delegates/Presidents of Member Federations, the following CC meeting, among its members, will be held on the 9th of December 2025, to decide the complaints and to verify and approve the final lists, to be published that same day.

Finally, if necessary, another on-line meeting of the CC will be held on the 12th of December 2025, to decide new complaints, if any.

3) RELEVANT ISSUES FOR THE CC IN THE AGENDA OF THE 2025 GA MEETING

3.1) Expulsion of the current Burkina Faso Chess Federation - Comité National Burkinabe des Echecs -CNBE

The Burkina Faso Chess Federation (Comité National Burkinabe des Echecs -CNBE), having been in arrears on its financial obligations for more than two consecutive years, without justifications, was suspended by the Council, in 2024, fully in accordance with art. 13.2 of the Charter, following an advisory opinion by the Verification Commission.

Then, the Council verified that the CNBE has not organized any FIDE rated event since 2019 and has not paid off its debts to FIDE, and that a different association, called “Fédération Burkinabè de Jeu d’Echecs”, is currently operating in Burkina Faso, held elections in 2024 and in October 2024 was recognised by the local national authorities (Ministry of Sports, Youth and Employment, Arrête 096/MSJE/CAB, issued on the 8/10/2024).

Therefore, the expulsion of the CNBE has been rightly inserted by the Council in the agenda of the 2025 General Assembly, in accordance with the FIDE Charter.

3.2) Admission of the Fédération Burkinabè de Jeu d’Echecs as new FIDE Member

The request of admission of the Fédération Burkinabè de Jeu d’Echecs as a new FIDE Member has been regularly submitted to FIDE Offices, providing all information requested, in accordance with art. 12.3 of the FIDE Charter.

3.3) Admission of the Fédération Guinéenne de Jeu d’Echecs as new FIDE Member

The request of admission of the Fédération Guinéenne de Jeu d’Echecs as a new FIDE Member has been regularly submitted to FIDE Offices, providing all information requested, in accordance with art. 12.3 of the FIDE Charter.

3.4) Admission of the Marshall Islands Chess Federation as new FIDE Member

The request of admission of the Marshall Islands Chess Federation as a new FIDE Member has been regularly submitted to FIDE Offices, providing all information requested, in accordance with art. 12.3 of the FIDE Charter.

3.5) Admission of the Kiribati Chess Federation as new FIDE Member

The request of admission of the Kiribati Chess Federation as a new FIDE Member has been regularly submitted to FIDE Offices, providing all information requested, in accordance with art. 12.3 of the FIDE Charter.

3.6) FIDE Council proposal of changes to art. 17.6 of the FIDE Charter

FIDE Council decided to support in principle the following amendments to art. 17.6 of the FIDE Charter:

Current version: “17.6 Presidents and delegates may only represent one Member Federation at a time and must, on the date of the meeting of the General Assembly, have either: - a citizenship or at least two years’ residency of the country or territory they represent, or - at least one year experience as an office holder of this Member Federation. They must also be elected or appointed by the appropriate body of that Member Federation”.

Proposed version: “17.6 Presidents and delegates may only represent one Member Federation at a time and must, on the date of the meeting of the General Assembly, have a citizenship or at least two years’ residency of the country or territory they represent. They must also be elected or appointed by the appropriate body of that Member Federation”.

and to ask the CC to draft the final version of the amendments including the transition period for implementation of the amendments.

The CC has reviewed the proposal, considers that it occurs in conformity with the established procedural rules, and recommends the approval of the following interim temporary provision:

“The modified text of art. 17.6 of the FIDE Charter will become effective and will entry into force on the 1st of January 2028”.

The *rationale* of this proposal is related to the minimum time of 2 years for a person that currently represents a Member Federation having years of experience as an office holder of that Member Federation, to obtain the requisite of two years’ residency of the country or territory of that Member Federation.

3.7) FIDE Council proposal of changes to FIDE Electoral Rules

FIDE Council decided to support in principle the following amendments to FIDE Electoral Rules:

Art. 3.2 Current version: “3.2 After the admission of a new Member Federation, by the General Assembly, the new Member Federation has immediately right to vote regarding any other issue but has no right to vote in the elections and about modifications of Electoral Rules, in the twelve (12) months after its admission”.

Art. 3.2 Proposed version: “3.2 After the admission of a new Member Federation, by the General Assembly, the new Member Federation has immediately right to vote regarding any other issue but has no right to vote in the elections and about modifications of Electoral Rules, until the next meeting of the General Assembly following its admission”.

Art. 3.8 Current version: “3.8 In case of elections all complaints regarding the right to vote and its exercise must be brought before and shall be decided by the Electoral Commission, when there are no elections by the Constitutional Commission. All complaints must be addressed to the competent Commission, through the e-mail addressoffice@fide.com, in writing”.

Art. 3.8 Proposed version: “3.8 In case of elections all complaints regarding the right to vote and its exercise must be brought before and shall be decided by the Electoral Commission, when there are no elections by the Constitutional Commission. All complaints must be addressed to the competent Commission, through the e-mail addressoffice@fide.com, in writing. All complaints may be submitted no later than 5 days from the date of publication of the list of persons entitled to exercise the right to vote. Complaints related to the participation of the FIDE Delegate in the President’s place or vice versa may be submitted no later than 2 days from the date of publication of such a list. Complaints submitted after the deadline cannot be considered”.

Art. 27.1 Current version: “27.1 FIDE Continental elections shall take place during the FIDE Congress, on a quadrennial basis. These elections must be organised and concluded before the opening of the electoral meeting of the General Assembly”.

Art. 27.1 Proposed version: “27.1 FIDE Continental elections shall take place during the FIDE Congress, on a quadrennial basis. These elections must be organised and concluded before the opening of the electoral meeting of the General Assembly. In the exceptional cases, an earlier schedule for Continental Elections may be approved by the FIDE Council, provided that all fundamental FIDE electoral principles are upheld and the date of the elections should be made public not later than 6 months before such announcement”.

and to ask the CC to draft the final version of the amendments.

The CC has reviewed the proposals, considers that they occur in conformity with the established procedural rules and without any violation of the FIDE Charter, and recommends what follows:

- about modified text of art. 3.2: the CC does not recommend changes to the amended text, just suggests the possibility to consider the approval of the

following interim temporary provision: “The modified text of art. 3.2 of the FIDE Electoral Rules will become effective and will entry into force on the 1st of January 2027”. The *rationale* of this proposal is related to the consideration that the period of 12 months previewed by the current version of art. 3.2 was motivated both by the opportunity to give new Members time enough to get the proper information and to become acquainted with FIDE rules and personalities, before voting in the elections and about modifications of Electoral Rules, and also to avoid the possibility that the admission of a new Member could be motivated by electoral reasons and influence the following elections. A time limit “until the next meeting of the General Assembly following its admission” can be consider sufficient to satisfy the first reason, however, 2026 is an electoral year, therefore the recommended temporary provision could be useful to preclude any speculation that electoral considerations are linked to the approval of this modification in 2025.

- about modified text of art. 3.8: the CC recommends the approval of the following text: “3.8 In case of elections all complaints regarding the right to vote and its exercise must be brought before and shall be decided by the Electoral Commission, when there are no elections by the Constitutional Commission. All complaints must be addressed to the competent Commission, through the e-mail addressoffice@fide.com, in writing. All complaints ~~may~~ **shall** be submitted no later than 5 days from the date of publication of the list of persons entitled to exercise the right to vote, **by 6.00 PM CET time**. Complaints related to the participation of the FIDE Delegate in the President’s place or vice versa may be submitted no later than 2 days from the date of publication of such a list, **by 6.00 PM CET time**. Complaints submitted after the deadline cannot be considered. **All complaints shall be signed and expressly motivated. Complaints submitted by Member Federations shall be sent exclusively using their official email address, previously communicated to FIDE Offices.**
- about modified text of art. 27.1: the CC recommends the approval of the following text: “27.1 FIDE Continental elections shall take place during the FIDE Congress, on a quadrennial basis. These elections must be organised and concluded before the opening of the electoral meeting of the General Assembly. In ~~the~~ exceptional cases, an earlier schedule for Continental Elections may be approved by the FIDE Council, provided that all fundamental FIDE electoral principles are upheld and the date of the elections should be made public not later than 6 months before such announcement” and also suggests the possibility to consider to delete the words “~~In exceptional cases~~”, given that the Council this way could have the possibility to consider and approve or deny requests from Continents also related to “not exceptional” but motivated circumstances.

4) DRAFTING OF A PROPOSAL OF BY-LAWS UNDER ART. 7.4 OF THE FIDE CHARTER, REGARDING CLARIFICATION OF THE INTERPRETATION OF ART. 13.7 OF THE CHARTER

The Council charged the CC to draft a proposal of by-laws, under art. 7.4 of the FIDE Charter, regarding the clarification of the interpretation of art. 13.7 of the FIDE Charter.

Art. 13.7 of the FIDE Charter rules what follows: “13.7 In case of minor violations of the obligations of a Member Federation, or of internal difficulties of a Member Federation that can also directly request its intervention, the Council, following an advisory opinion of the Constitutional Commission, can decide to apply different measures. Among these measures, the following ones are proposed: nomination of a FIDE reverse delegate, nomination of a fact finding commission, nomination of a FIDE special envoy, warning, monitoring and recommendations.”.

The CC recommends the approval of the following by-laws:

“The words ‘in case of minor violations of the obligations of a Member Federation’ must be interpreted in the sense that they include all cases of violations of art. 11 of the FIDE Charter that could also justify a suspension of a Member Federation under art. 13.1 of the FIDE Charter, but not yet an expulsion of the Member Federation, as well as all cases in which a Member Federation fails to comply with its obligations under art. 11 of the FIDE Charter, without any negligence or will to violate these rules.

Deciding to approve measures under art. 13.7 of the FIDE Charter, the Council shall specify what are the obligations under art. 11 that considers were violated or not fulfilled.

The advisory opinion of the Constitutional Commission is mandatory and shall be requested and received by the Council before the approval of any measure under art. 13.7 of the FIDE Charter.

In all cases in which the Council could apply a sanction against a Member Federation, the Member Federation has the right to submit written defences and to be heard before the decision.

The “monitoring”, the “nomination of a fact finding commission” and the nomination of a “FIDE special envoy” are not sanctions, but tools, that the Council can decide to use in different situations: the “monitoring” and the “nomination of a fact finding commission” usually before the approval of any other decision; the nomination of a “FIDE special envoy” also in cases not included under art. 13.7, for instance also after the suspension or the expulsion of a Member Federation.

Recommendations can be a sanction or also a measure to help a Member Federation that requested an intervention of the Council.

The warning and the nomination of a FIDE Reverse delegate are sanctions.

The nomination of a FIDE Reverse delegate shall be reserved to the cases in which there are elements to decide the suspension of a Member Federation but, having elements that suggest reasonable high possibilities that will be not necessary to decide a harsher sanction and especially a future expulsion, it is considered possible to avoid, for the moment, a suspension of the Member Federation.

The FIDE reverse delegate, nominated by the Council for a given Member Federation, is not the representant of that Member Federation and has not the right to participate nor to vote in the FIDE General Assembly, nor is the representative of the Member Federation before national or international institutions.

The FIDE Reverse delegate can be charged by the Council to some specific activities, as the following ones:

- to evaluate, authorise and send to FIDE requests about: FIDE titles; FIDE ratings; organisation of FIDE rated tournaments and other FIDE events; participation of national players in FIDE competitions, including team's events, as Chess Olympiads, and youth competitions; participation of arbiters in FIDE events;
- to liaise with national authorities, facilitating the solution of internal conflicts, monitoring the respect of national rules and of the Member Federation Statutes and their accordance with the FIDE Charter, observing and monitoring the activities aimed to the organisation of the elective assembly of the national federation, including: monitoring the number and the effectiveness of the chess clubs and of the other members of the federation (directly contacting them, if useful); monitoring the respect of national rules concerning the organisation and the carrying out of the elective assembly (including the legitimacy to convene the assembly, the rights to participate in the assembly and so on)".

5) DRAFTING OF A PROPOSAL OF REGULATIONS ON THE DIFFUSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHESS ACTIVITIES IN TERRITORIES WHICH ARE THE OBJECT OF DISPUTES

The Appeal Chamber of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission, in paragraphs 22.12 and 22.13 of their decision in the case n. 11/2023 ("Alleged violation of the FIDE Charter and the EDC Code related to the Russian invasion of Ukraine"), underlined the existence of a loophole, regarding "the problem of the non-compliance with FIDE's principles in the instance of territorial disputes", recommending the FIDE Council to prepare and adopt "a set of general regulations dealing with the governance and organisation of chess activities in occupied territories", specifying that, if adopted, from one side, in future, in cases of breach of these regulations, alternative actions could be

taken to enforce compliance with them, from another side they would support FIDE's mission in the diffusion and development of chess.

Requested by the Management Board to submit to the Council some initial ideas about these new regulations, the CC delivered a first report in November 2024.

In that report, the CC preliminary observed that the definition of "occupied territories" is given by the International Law.

The "occupation law" was for the first time regulated by The Hague Conventions of 1907, then by the Fourth Geneva Convention 1949 and by the 1977 Protocol I additional to the Geneva Conventions. For sure these situations still constitute, in concrete, one of the main challenges for the international community, but at least the above-mentioned treaties codified some principles, today considered as customary law as well, recognised as binding and undiscussed, at least in theory.

However, there are also many other "similar" situations, sometimes "stabilised" since decades: the so called "contested territories" for example (there are hundreds of these, unfortunately), the "non-self-governing territories" (as defined by the UN Special Committee on Decolonization), and others. All of them present "similar" problems and would need regulations as well.

On these bases the CC suggested that the Council would have to decide if it was opportune or not to enlarge the scope of applicability of the new rules to be drafted.

The Council asked the CC to go deeper on this aspect and on how it could be linked to concrete solutions and rules.

With a following report, delivered on January 2025, the CC noted what follows.

The Ethics and Disciplinary Commission identified two different aspects that could benefit from the approval of specific regulations, concerning respectively enforcement of compliance/sanctions and diffusion and development of chess.

In the opinion of the CC, the first one of these aspects would not take advantage from new FIDE rules, even less if applicable only to the situations of "occupied territories" involved in international or internal conflicts. Some principles regulated by the International Law are clear, impose limits and duties that can have possible direct or indirect applications, by the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission and other FIDE organs, in the evaluation of the behaviours of the natural and legal persons that compose "the FIDE Family", without the need of more detailed specific FIDE rules. For instance: the occupying power does not acquire sovereignty over the occupied territory and is required to respect, as far as possible, the existing laws and institutions of the occupied territory, this is applicable also to the rights of the chess federation of the occupied territory; the use of sports, in our case chess, for propaganda is prohibited; from another side, the occupying power's responsibilities include *inter alia* the obligation to ensure human treatment of the local population, to respect their rights and to meet their needs,

and given that to practise sport/chess can be considered as a human right (also as a part of the right to culture, the right to education and the right to health), it has to be guaranteed (of course, taking into account concrete situations: this right may be restricted in occupied territories due to security concerns or other factors); and so on.

There are only some relatively marginal, but practical issues that can merit the introduction of specific rules regarding conducts that could be subject to possible sanctions. For instance, it could be clarified that, if there are no obstacles for each player to ask to become affiliated to the Member Federation he/she prefers, in accordance with usual rules, and to participate in the relevant national championship, however, it has to be clarified that it is forbidden to organise in these territories a national championship, as well as tournaments (rated or not) that qualify to a national championship, juvenile and senior national championships included.

For what concerns, on the contrary, the diffusion and development of chess activities, the CC fully agrees with the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission that it can largely benefit from the introduction of some specific regulations and, at this regard, as already mentioned, it would seem opportune and useful to consider their applicability to a broader number of situations: not only about “occupied territories”, but also regarding “contested territories”, “non-self-governing territories” and in all the cases in which: there is a recognised dispute about who is competent about the organisation of chess activities; FIDE can usefully exercise its role and mission as the supreme body responsible for the sport of chess.

On the basis of these considerations, the CC advised the Council to introduce some “Regulations of the diffusion and development of chess activities in territories which are the object of disputes”, or something similar, applicable in case of “occupied territories”, “contested territories”, “non-self-governing territories” and all similar cases in which, for FIDE, there is an internationally recognised dispute about the competences regarding the organisation of chess activities.

In summary, what the CC proposed was not a fully comprehensive set of regulations dealing with all possible cases, but just brief, minimal regulations, dealing with the most common and relevant cases.

The Council approved the idea to extend the scope of application of the rules to be drafted. On the merit, the Council expressed some concerns about chess in schools, juvenile, senior and amatorial chess tournaments that, in the opinion of some members of the Council, would have to be authorised with wider margins.

The Council asked the CC to propose a first drafting of these rules.

It seems to the CC that, at the moment, only very basic principles and rules can be previewed. The following could be an initial proposal.

“Regulations of the diffusion and development of chess activities in territories which are the object of disputes

1. The following rules are applicable to chess activities organised in territories which are the object of disputes: occupied territories, contested territories, non-self-governing territories, and all other territories in which there is an internationally recognised dispute about their government, the competences regarding the organisation of sport activities included.
2. FIDE is committed to respecting all rules established by the International Law regarding the above-mentioned territories.
3. FIDE is committed to internationally recognised human rights and shall strive to promote the protection of these rights, preserving the autonomy of chess and sport, rejecting any kind of discrimination and assuring free access to chess activities to all players and interested persons, following the Olympic principles to place sport at the service of the harmonious development of humankind, with a view to promoting a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity and the recognition of the practice of sport, and specifically of chess, as a human right.
4. To all players born or resident in territories which are the object of disputes shall be guaranteed the free possibility to become affiliated to the Member Federation they prefer and to participate in the relevant national championships.
5. Players born or resident in these territories will have the possibility, if they prefer, to participate in chess events using the FIDE flag and without being affiliated to a Member Federation.
6. In territories which are the object of disputes, Member Federations cannot organise national championships, nor tournaments that qualify to national championships, juvenile and senior championships included, except if the definition of “national” coincides with the limits of the territory object of disputes.
7. Member Federations can organise in these territories chess in school activities, and also juvenile, senior and amatorial tournaments, if not FIDE rated and open to all interested participants, without any discrimination, but avoiding any nationalist propaganda.
8. The Council can authorise the organisation of FIDE events or FIDE rated tournaments in territories object of disputes, but shall refuse the authorisation in cases of risks of use of chess for propaganda or of risks of other violations of the International Law. The authorisation can be subordinated to the condition that a given person, indicated by the Council, known as fully independent, will act as Chief Arbiter or as Observer, whose expenses and fees can be charged to the organisers. If free access to the event cannot be assured to representatives of all

FIDE members, the Council can decide to admit an exception, as a preliminary condition for the authorisation, but only following a favourable vote of a three-quarter majority of its members.

9. As an exception to FIDE Rating Regulations, FIDE rated tournaments to be held in these territories can be pre-registered not only by a Member Federation but also by any “organiser”, natural or legal person, previously authorised by the Council or by the Qualification Commission. Such individual or legal person will also be responsible for the submission of results and rating fees. The request of pre-registration must be sent at least 30 days in advance.

6) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1) Request submitted by Mr. Mev-Rael

Mr. Mev-Rael, on the 23rd of October 2025 sent a communication titled “FIDE has violated the law and committed a fraud and the case against the FIDE CEO” to the CC, as well as to several other FIDE bodies, the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission included. In this communication, he complains about facts related to the organisation of the FIDE World Rapid & Blitz Championships 2024 that took place at the end of December 2024 in the New York City (USA).

The CC has no competences over conducts by persons or FIDE organs allegedly in violation of FIDE regulations.

Nothing can or should, therefore, be deliberated on the matter.

6.2) Request submitted by Ms. Margaret Murphy

In its meeting held on the 28th of October 2025, the Council decided “to recognise the results of the most recent elections held by the chess federation of U.S. Virgin Islands on 18-19 August, 2025”, noting that “this recognition is granted without prejudice to any future legal or administrative proceedings that may be initiated before competent authorities in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Should the aforementioned election results be formally annulled, invalidated, or otherwise overturned by a decision of a competent court or governmental body of the U.S. Virgin Islands, the FIDE Council expressly reserves the right to review and, if necessary” change its decision. Being not final, as all decisions of the Council, a deadline for the presentation of an appeal was established, on the 7th of November 2025, to give the possibility to insert the appeal in the agenda of the December 2025 meeting of the GA. Ms. Margaret Murphy firstly submitted a request to obtain an extension of that deadline, that was not accepted, and then submitted an appeal on the 10th of November 2025. The appeal was considered

by the Council “not valid” and the issue was not inserted in the agenda of the December 2025 meeting of the GA.

On 14th of November 2025 Ms. Margaret Murphy informed the CC that her “request to add an item to the General Assembly agenda was denied”, asking to be allowed to discuss the case in the 2025 meeting of the General Assembly.

About the situation of the USVI Chess Federation, the CC expressed its advisory opinion in its previous reports, the latest of the 14th of August 2025.

The CC has no competences about appeals against decisions of the Council.

From the different perspective of compliance with the FIDE Charter, it can only be noted that:

- in accordance with art. 17 of the Charter the GA is convened by the FIDE President, proposals about items to be included in the agenda of the GA should reach the FIDE Offices not later than two months before the opening date of the General Assembly, together with the reasons for them, only proposals submitted within this time limit must be included in the agenda, after this time limit the Council and the President can add other items, but the complete agenda must be sent at the latest one month before the GA, the agenda may not be altered after this deadline and no other item, not included in the agenda, may be discussed by the GA.
- No specific rules are provided for issues that have arisen, or decisions made after the deadline of two months before the assembly and before the deadline of one month from that date.
- Given that the next meeting of the GA will be held on the 14th of December 2025, and the decision of the Council was taken after the ordinary deadline to submit proposals (expired on the 14th of October) it was correct for the Council to establish a different deadline for the submission of an appeal.
- Setting a deadline on the 7th of November corresponds to setting a short but reasonable timeframe, considering that the agenda had to be finalised and sent by the 14th of November and, once the item was placed on the agenda, it would have been possible for the appellant to present her defences subsequently.
- In any case, the granting or denial of an extension of this deadline was an evaluation that could legitimately be made at the discretion of the Council.

6.3) Request submitted by Mr. Peter Heine Nielsen

Mr. Peter Heine Nielsen requested to the CC to report to the GA regarding alleged “Breaches of the FIDE Charter, ignored by the FIDE Council and Management Board”, sending documentation that he “provided to the FIDE

Council and Management board over the last almost 4 years, as well as 2 separate documents on specific violations by the FIDE President and a FIDE Council member”, asking to report to the General Assembly on all violations of the FIDE Charter, due to CC “responsibility based on 27.3 (d) from the FIDE Charter”.

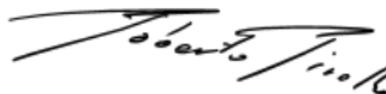
The CC has no competences over conducts by persons or FIDE organs allegedly in violation of FIDE regulations, this is a competence of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commissions (that, by the way, answering a similar complaint, in the case n. 11/2023: “Alleged violation of the FIDE Charter and EDC Code related to the Russian invasion of Ukraine”. decided that Mr. Peter Heine Nielsen has no relevant interest and no legal standing and that his complaint was not admissible).

In accordance with art. 27.3 of the FIDE Charter the CC is competent to report to the General Assembly on all violations of FIDE Charter, but only in connection with “new or updated FIDE rules and regulations” and not regarding the behaviours of persons and/or FIDE organs.

Therefore, also in this case, nothing can or should be deliberated on the matter.

Lausanne - Turin, 17 November 2025

Roberto Rivello

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roberto Rivello', written in a cursive style.