



BULGARIAN CHESS FEDERATION

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TO
FIDE ETHIC COMMISSION

Appeal regarding inappropriate and unethical behaviour of
a FIDE official during the FIDE Candidates tournament in Moscow March 2016

Dear members of the FIDE Ethic Commission,

During our stay in the Four Seasons hotel in Moscow we were living on the 9th floor, just in front of the room of Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili, FIDE official who was Supervisor of the entire event, paid and hired by FIDE.

On March 22, during the second rest day around 5 pm local time we were preparing to visit the swimming pool of the Four Seasons hotel, the official hotel of the event where all the players, seconds, arbiters and FIDE officials were staying. The moment we were leaving the room we crossed paths with Mr. Azmaiparashvili who was accompanied by a young blonde lady and they entered his room. So far nothing special, we didn't pay more attention.

So, we went to the swimming pool on the fifth floor and forget about it. Our big surprise was when about half an hour later Mr. Azmaiparashvili and his young companion also came down to the swimming pool, both dressed in bathrobes taken from the hotel room, behaving intimately with each other. It was a real shock and shameful show.

Our point is: Obviously this lady was not his wife, sister or daughter. His wife had left the hotel a couple of days earlier and as far as we know he has no sister. Most likely it was his girlfriend, maitresse or something similar. We don't care at all what Mr. Azmaiparashvili is doing with his personal life, but in our opinion it is highly inappropriate and unethical for a FIDE official who is paid and hired by FIDE and representing the Federation on such an important world event, to bring his girlfriend at the swimming pool of the official hotel for personal entertaining on the cost of FIDE. This is a terrible example.

Bearing in mind all that, we kindly ask the FIDE Ethic Commission to take the following measures:

1. To warn and reprimand strongly Mr. Azmaiparashvili for his behaviour.
2. To recommend strongly to the FIDE Presidential Board to dispense from the services of Mr. Azmaiparashvili for the future FIDE events, never hire him or give him the opportunity to represent FIDE in the future.

Best regards,


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President Bulgarian Chess Federation


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