

The Board approved the following to reaction to the FIDE election. It serves as a framework to guide future decisions with FIDE and the ECU. Council's comments are welcome.

The ECF was proud to support Garry Kasparov in the FIDE Presidential election on 11 August 2014 in which Kirsan Ilyumzhinov won a decisive victory. We applaud Mr Kasparov's post election statement of 14 August (<http://kasparov2014.com/2014/08/14/the-future-of-chess-not-fide/>). We acknowledge Mr Ilyumzhinov's campaign statements and his post-election letter (<http://www.fide.com/component/content/article/1-fide-news/8216-thank-you-letter-from-the-fide-president.html>) as his leadership team's commitment to revitalise the development of chess at all levels in professional and effective ways.

Accordingly, the ECF is refreshing its relationship with FIDE by greater involvement with FIDE Commissions, many of which are improving chess around the world. We:

- shall encourage more FIDE title and FIDE rated tournaments in England to increase opportunities for members to acquire FIDE titles and ratings;
- shall support the establishment of appropriately constituted FIDE Academies in England in order for members to gain access to training material;
- shall encourage seminars in England to allow members to achieve international titles as trainers, organisers and arbiters;
- appreciate English individuals, past and present, who serve or have served on the FIDE Commissions;
- aim to engage more fully with FIDE Commissions and ECU Commissions that are presently being established, including those on which there is no English member;
- shall continue to promote appropriate participation in FIDE and ECU championship tournaments; and
- look forward to seeing improvements that result in a well funded, fair and stable World Chess Championship Cycle (and Women's Chess Championship Cycle) that meets the needs of players in the top 200.

At the same time, we affirm our duty to:

- uphold principles in the FIDE and ECU Statues regarding national chess federation primacy within their own jurisdictions;
- uphold FIDE's and ECU's statutory alignment with sporting conventions of the International Olympic Committee and the United Nations;
- register the ECF's opposition to actions of senior FIDE officials that depart from international sporting norms; and
- encourage more transparency and financial accountability of FIDE, ECU and their official events.

We shall develop ECF commercial relationships based on ECF interests. We shall support FIDE's commercial sponsors and donors, provided the source of funding does not compromise ethical considerations, ECF commercial relationships, ECF and BCF financial investment policies, and the legal and regulatory obligations in England.