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FAO: Nick Faulks, Chair FIDE Qualification Commission & Arkady Dvorkovich, FIDE President.

Dear Nick and Arkady,

On the 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019, the Argentinian Chess Federation organised a chess tournament on the Falkland Islands at the Lafone House in Stanley. This followed a similar event in September 2018. The ratings files and Argentinian Chess Federation reports can be seen in the links below.

The English Chess Federation administers chess activity in British Overseas Territories who are not members of FIDE in their own right. We view the staging of these clandestine tournaments as an unacceptable breach of our jurisdiction. The activity is also a diplomatic provocation.

The ECF requests that the Qualification Commission remove the rating records of these two events and the FIDE Executive Board make clear to the Argentinian Chess Federation that such activity is unacceptable and demand an assurance from the Argentinian Chess Federation there will not be a repetition. The Falklands Legislative Council and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office have been informed.

Sincerely,

Mike Truran, Chief Executive

Dominic Lawson, President

Malcolm Pein, FIDE Delegate

Bill Harle, President Welsh Chess Union

Jim Webster, President Chess Scotland

[March rating report chess-results: http://awww.kanakotakita.at/tnr425044.aspx?lan=1](http://awww.kanakotakita.at/tnr425044.aspx?lan=1)

<http://awww.kanakotakita.at/tnr425044.aspx?lan=1>

<https://federacionargentinadeajedrez.org/?p=137> shows the event as Argentinian

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[September 2018 http://ratings.fide.com/tournament\\_details.phtml?event=192659](http://ratings.fide.com/tournament_details.phtml?event=192659) Six player July 27 2018

[http://ratings.fide.com/tournament\\_details.phtml?event=192659](http://ratings.fide.com/tournament_details.phtml?event=192659)

[Chess Results file http://chess-results.com/tnr428506.aspx?lan=2&art=9&fed=ARG&snr=2](http://chess-results.com/tnr428506.aspx?lan=2&art=9&fed=ARG&snr=2) shows UK Navy officer as ARG 26-27 March 2019

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