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**To the FMJD Executive Committee**

From the President of All-Russian public  
organization "The Draughts Federation of Russia"  
(The Draughts Federation of Russia)  
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**PROTEST**

By this appeal, the Draughts Federation of Russia expresses its objection against the actions of the FMJD Executive Committee.

Our protest is related to the fact that the FMJD Executive Committee privately scheduled the match Alexander Shvartsman - Roel Boomstra and the date - January 5, 2022, without informing the Draughts Federation of Russia, whose member A. Shvartsman is supposed to participate in the match.

Obviously, this haste to fix the date (the second world championship being scheduled within six months period in the context of the growing COVID-19 pandemic) is connected with the protest against the FMJD Executive Committee decision of July 10, 2021, that the member of the Draughts Federation of Russia and the current vice world champion 2021 Alexander Getmanski had filed with the FMJD Ethical Committee on August 19, 2021.

According to the rules, it is A. Getmanski, who has the right to participate in the match; not R. Boomstra. This was indicated in the respective decisions of the Technical Committee and the Players Committee, under whose competence fall issues related to implementation of the rules. In addition, on August 23, 2021, the Draughts Federation of Russia made a protest against the illegitimate decision of the FMJD Executive Committee.

We would also like to remind you that A. Getmanski sent the Protest to the Ethical Committee and FMJD Office on August 19, 2021. According to the Code of Ethics, the time limit for considering a complaint by the Ethical Committee constitutes 3 months. However, A. Getmanski has not received the decision of the

Ethical Committee so far. What is more, he has not received any response from either the Ethical Committee or the FMJD Executive Committee.

The inaction of the Ethical Committee over the past years and this case with A. Getmanski prove that de facto the Ethical Committee does not exist. The Code of Ethics requires election of the 5 members of the Ethical Committee at the General Assembly. That has not been done. For the 2.5 years, the Chairman of the Ethical Committee Bert Bakhuis, who is a professional lawyer, has not familiarized himself with the Code of Ethics; he ignores its requirements, which resulted in the decrease in importance and diminishing authority of the FMJD Ethical Committee.

We hereby notify you that the Draughts Federation of Russia does not recognize the legitimacy of conducting the upcoming match A. Shvartsman - R. Boomstra, as it violates the requirements of Article 11, Annex 17. The response of the FMJD Executive Committee of July 27 contains insinuations, distorts the facts and is not consistent with the reality; everyone knows that in its final decision, published on February 4, 2021 on the official FMJD website, the FMJD Executive Committee had scheduled the match Alexander Georgiev- Roel Boomstra for the autumn of 2021, and this match did not take place due to the decision of the General Assembly of July 3, 2021, which cancelled the match without any additional privileges for R. Boomstra. A. Georgiev did not refuse to play this match. Moreover, in Article 11 of Annex 17 there are no references for changing this rule.

The FMJD is the only sports federation that requires that a national federation should appeal to the General Assembly on the issue connected with an athlete's protest. "Any decisions made by the Ethics Committee may be the object of appeal at the General Assembly of the FMJD." This part of Article 4.9 contradicts those Articles, which do not allow to deliberately delay the process, since the General Assembly is held every other year. Also, this part of the Article violates the principle of equality between the parties for many reasons.

However, for A. Getmanski to be able to apply to the Sports Arbitration and given that non-existence of the legitimate Ethical Committee has delayed the process of appeal against the decision of the FMJD Executive Committee, we request holding an extraordinary General Assembly on the issue of A. Getmanski's protest.

The FMJD has in its practice cases of conducting online polls among the national federations on urgent issues, which should be considered at the General Assembly. In this case, it is necessary to conduct such a poll as soon as possible, since A. Getmanski must have time to file a claim with the Sports Arbitration.

Based on the foregoing and given that the start date of the illegitimate match is set for January 5, 2022, the Draughts Federation of Russia insists on conducting the poll among the national federations within two weeks from the date of receipt of this appeal. The voting must be open.

**President of the Draughts Federation of Russia**

**Anatoly Nikitin**

