



TURKISH CHESS FEDERATION PRESIDENCY



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SUBJECT : Mrs. Atalik Decision of ECU

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**To European Chess Union President
Mr. Silvio Danailov,**

As the board of the Turkish Chess Federation, we certainly do not approve the ECU decision allowing Mrs. Ekaterina Atalik to compete in European Individual Chess Championship under the ECU flag.

We are disturbed by the fact that the board of TCF has been bypassed whilst coming to an agreement about such an important representation. In addition, the statements in the application text, which was written by Mrs. Ekaterina Atalik to ECU, do not reflect the actual truth as she has NEITHER requested permission from TCF NOR applied to TCF about this matter. It is also necessary to emphasize that no player had been rejected so far, who has applied to our federation to play in a tournament abroad. In no way does TCF accept any of its players to play under the ECU flag. TCF would only be happy, to have IM Atalik represent our country.

It is not possible to understand why ECU, having asked the opinion of TCF about this matter, went on to give such a decision ignoring the statements of TCF. Neither is it possible to understand why ECU gave such a decision despite the fact that the FIDE procedures clearly state that a player can only compete under the flag of a single federation. Having said that, we think FIDE should be involved in this issue, by taking the possibility into account that IM Atalik wins the right to join Continental Championship and World Championship. We would like to let you know that we will be following this matter on juridical grounds.

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