

Dear Colleagues,

I have read the protests submitted by M. Klasinc and M. Gorski. While M. Gorski's letter was written in a relatively mild tone, I cannot say the same for M. Klasinc's. It is often said that wisdom comes with age, yet I found no trace of it in M. Klasinc's letter. There is only one thing I can say about such a rude statement: Shame on you! I did not expect this from you.

Before addressing the main issue, I am resending my initial letter, as I am not certain that you have had the opportunity to review it.

1. M. Klasinc is surprised that the protest was submitted by me rather than the participants, while M. Gorski focuses on the issue of mobile phones. I have already covered these points in detail in my first letter, so I will not repeat them here.

2. Those who submitted the protest are contradicting the very regulations they themselves established. How do you intend to overturn the decision made by the commission formed by the Solving Committee? From a legal standpoint, this is entirely improper—more precisely, it constitutes a violation of the rules. Any legal expert would be able to explain this to you.

3. If we are to discuss suspicions—what M. Klasinc refers to as “cheating”—then let me remind you of an issue that was once widely discussed among solvers. I recall that on one occasion, M. Gorski won the title of World Champion, and in that competition, the Chief Arbiter happened to be Polish...

I am not making any allegations; I am merely recalling the rumors that circulated at the time. After all, his results in that time were not particularly strong. There are numerous such examples, and even more in the field of composition.

So, what should we do now? Should we annul all these results?

4. As for the ISC matter—this competition no longer exists for me, and I will not organize it again.

Sincerely, **Ilham Aliev.**
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WFCC delegate of Azerbaijan.