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## APPLICATION

On 2 August 2019, Yevgeny Surov, a well-known chess journalist, published a post (tweet) on the Twitter social network, speaking outrageously about Sergey Karjakin and me as his long-term chess manager, calling me a pimp, and Sergey's chess career a prostitution. This tweet has also been reposted on Yevgeny Surov's website chess-news.ru.

I believe that such insulting comparisons published by Yevgeny Surov in the media and on social networks cause irreparable damage to our business reputation and deliberately, in an indecent form, humiliate the honour and dignity of Sergey Karjakin as one of the strongest chess players in the world, thereby undermining the prestige of chess globally.

I believe that such publications, which cause irreversible damage to the entire chess community, require an immediate and tough response, so I request that you:

1. Require Yevgeny Surov to remove the insulting tweet and make a public apology to me and Sergey Karjakin in the media.
2. Ban Yevgeny Surov from attending any chess events held under FIDE auspices.

I also request that the Commission apply any other possible sanctions it deems necessary to Yevgeny Surov on consideration of this case.

Enclosure:

1. Scanned copy of Yevgeny Surov's publication on Twitter and on chess-news.ru – on 1 page.

Best regards,

Kirill Zangalis

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Scanned copy of Yevgeny Surov's publication on Twitter and on chess-news.ru

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Unsafe – chess-news.ru

Chess-News.ru Chess has retweeted without censorship

**Yevgeny Surov**

@surovlive

That's interesting:

1. How much does pimp Zangalis charge for these services?
2. How much of this goes to Karjakin?
3. Does Karjakin understand that he is being bluntly used to practice the oldest profession?
4. Does he realise that the money will be spent, the pimp will not be remembered, and the fact of HIS biography will remain?

Caption: Karjakin chasing Carlsen

**“Why did you accept the invitation by the local chess federation and come to play this match?”**

“First of all, I love Yekaterinburg very much. I played for the city's team in the Malachite Club and became the champion of Russia. Second, I was invited by the Federation, which I respect very much and which is really working to develop our sport. Its head, **Andrey Simanovsky**, is always successful in whatever business he undertakes. Third, to play a match with one of the strongest chess players in India – rapid and blitz (two rapid games and four blitz games – **Commentary by Sport Express**) – it's both a good experience and great training (Karjakin won the match by one point – **Commentary by Sport Express**). I would like to express my appreciation to **Albert Stepanyan**, who is an indispensable person in the Federation and solves all issues very well and clearly.”

**“Anatoly Karpov said that Yekaterinburg planned to apply to host the Candidates Tournament in March 2020.”**

“You know, I would be very happy about that. It would be great if such a competition took place in... “

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