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STATEMENT

The Portugal Federation of Chess (Federação Portuguesa de Xadrez, FPX), upon discussing with FIDE the situation in connection to the Classics Tournament organised by Mr. Carlos Carneiro and the association AX Portugal - Associação para a promoção, ensino e prática do Xadrez in April 2024, hereby announces as follows.

FPX regretfully concedes that prizes were not paid for the Classics Tournament at the Ponte de Lima Festival (<https://chess-results.com/tnr869941.aspx>) since the end of the tournament in April despite several reminders sent to the organisers.

Such a position can be seen not only as extraordinarily unacceptable, but also as a failure to act in accordance with applicable regulations, rejecting the players' right to their fair reward and, consequently, funds to make a living. All of this produces an obviously negative effect on reputation of the FPX and the game of chess.

It is therefore decided that:

- 1) the frustrating fact of failure to pay the prize money by the tournament organiser, Mr. Carlos Carneiro and the the association AX Portugal - Associação para a promoção, ensino e prática do Xadrez, should be made hereby available to the public;
- 2) from the date of this announcement and within six months following the date when the prize money is paid in full Mr. Carlos Carneiro and the association AX Portugal - Associação para a promoção, ensino e prática do Xadrez will not be allowed to register any tournament under the aegis of FIDE or FPX. FPX and FIDE may also deny to register any other event if Mr. Carneiro and the Association AX Portugal - Associação para a promoção, ensino e prática do Xadrez is involved in its organisation directly or indirectly;
- 3) Should there be no debt settlement before 15 January, 2025, FPX and FIDE retain the right to take additional more severe actions applicable in accordance with the Charter of the Federation and/or FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

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