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Dear Gianarrigo and Yves,

On the 26th of September 2015, the Bermuda Bowl competition will take place, to which the Israeli team achieved an entry ticket as the 2014 European champion.

The 2014 champion team members were Lotan Fisher, Ron Schwartz, Alon Birman, Dror Padon, Ilan Herbst and Ophir Herbst.

The designated team for the Bermuda Bowl comprises of the same participants with the exception of Lotan Fisher and Ron Schwartz who waved their participation in the Bermuda Bowl, due to previous commitments to participate in the Transnationals competition taking place at the same time therefore were replaced by Udi Friedlander and Inon Liran.

In light of the recent events and the resulting acrid atmosphere with regard to the legitimacy of the Israel team's participation in the Bermuda Bowl, the IBF together with the 2 pairs (Padon – Birman and the Herbst brothers) decided to withdraw our right to participate in the upcoming Bermuda Bowl in Chennai.

I would like to clarify that this statement has no reflection on the guilt or innocence of Lotan Fisher and Ron Schwartz, who are currently under inspection of the Special Ethics Committee nominated by the IBF.

The IBF is a consistent participant in all the WBF and EBL competitions and looks forward to continued participation in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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