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Organising Committee "Tromso 2014"

Dear Mr Hans Olav Karde,

Thank you for your letter of today 21 July.

I am pleased with the decision of the Organising Committee "Tromso 2014" to comply with FIDE regulations and to accept the late registration of all federations.

For the success of a large sport event, such as the Chess Olympiad, the roles of FIDE as the governing body of the sport and the role of the Organiser are distinct and with a clear division of authority between them. Both sides should work together, each performing its own job, with a spirit of co-operation and mutual effort for the success of the event. I believe that yesterday's decision of the Organising Committee "Tromso 2014" was a positive first step towards this direction.

I am expecting that the Organising Committee "Tromso 2014" will continue to co-operate in the same spirit with FIDE's World Championship & Olympiads Committee, and the FIDE Secretariat, in order to resolve the remaining organisational issues of the Olympiad.

I would especially like to remind you about the other serious problem, mentioned in my letter of 18 July, concerning the issue of visa to all participants, including the delegates of the FIDE Congress. In your letter of today there was no reply to this question, which creates the impression that some of the players may not be able to come with their teams and that some of the delegates may not be able to attend the assembly. As "Tromso 2014" promised from the first moment it applied for the Olympiad, it should do everything possible, in co-operation with the Norwegian Government, in order for all applicants to receive their entry visas for Norway.

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Kirsan Ilyumzhinov
FIDE President