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Dear Chess friends,

I hope to meet you in Halkidiki (Greece) during the 74th FIDE Congress. The meeting for the Rules and Tournament Regulations Committee is scheduled Wednesday 29 October 2003, 9:00 – 13:00 hours.

I would like to discuss the following points.

1. Committee Membership

I received several letters from people who were members of the Committee but did not find their names on the membership list. Some of them thought that they had been expelled from the Committee. This is absolutely not the case. In my opinion Committee membership should be open to anyone, provided that their national federation does not object. Furthermore I prefer only one person from each federation.

By the way, it should be well known that anyone who wishes to attend Committee meetings is welcome and may express her/his opinion there.

2. Revisions

Every four years we may make some changes in the Laws of Chess. The new title of our Committee implies that we also have to have a look at the tournament regulations. As you know, we revised the Laws the last time in 2000. In 2004 we have the opportunity to make some revisions again

Regarding the tournament regulations, there are two possibilities:

- a. We revise them effective 2006, then again in 2010, and so on. The advantage is that we can remain focused on one area.
- b. We revise the tournament regulations the same year as the Laws of Chess. The advantage is that the federations only to print Laws of Chess and Tournament Regulations once every 4 years.

3. Preparation of Revisions

There is a proposal that the revisions of the Laws of Chess and the Tournament Regulations should be prepared by (small) sub-committees. What is the opinion of the Committee?

4. Other business.