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Dear Mr. Freeman,

The Austrian Chess Federation submits the following proposal to the FIDE Congress in Baku 2016.

Proposal

We propose to create an Olympiad for rapid and blitz or alternatively a Team World Championship for rapid and blitz. We believe that a team championship is an interesting event for players and public. It will help to increase the popularity of rapid and blitz chess. A good example were the World Mind Sport Games in Beijing 2008.

Version 1

The competition shall be open to all federations and is held in every second year when the Olympiad in classical chess is not played.

Bidders may be preferred who are ready to organize this event jointly with the individual rapid and blitz championships.

Version 2

The competition shall be held during the Olympiad in classical chess. In this case the Olympiad would last a few days longer. This system would help to minimize additional costs for the federations.

With best regards,

Kurt Jungwirth President

