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ZONE CHANGE

This is to propose the change of Ecuador Chess Federation from Zone 2.3, Central America & Caribbean to Zone 2.4, Central South America.

Reasons:

Geographically speaking Ecuador is located in Central South America with shores in the Pacific Ocean, having nothing related with the Caribbean or Central America regions.

On sport matters Ecuador belongs to the South America organizations but have no relationship with ODECABE, the Central America & Caribbean Sport Organization, being difficult for the Chess Federation to get funds to assist to events in Central America and the Caribbean.

Historically Ecuador allocation is a relic from the time FIDE had a small number of member federations, at that time America has Zone 7 with countries north of 0 parallel and Zone 8 with the remaining South America countries, but with the growing up of FIDE membership these Zones never were updated.

The change, if approved will enter in force on January 1st, 2018 in order to finish the actual qualificatory cycles.

Thanks for your attention

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