

World Chess Federation (FIDE)

Dear Berik Balgabajev,

In 2007, the FIDE Presidential Board gave us the right to organize the 2011 World Cup Tournament in Tallinn. We are sincerely happy to have finally received the honorable task to organize such a prestigious chess tournament. The Estonian Chess Federation has cooperated with both the state and the city government of Tallinn since 2002 trying to receive the possibility to organize a Chess Olympiad in Estonia. Taking into consideration that 2016 marks the 100th birthday of our great legendary GM Paul Keres, that year appears predestined to hold this outstanding chess event in our country.

Regarding the organization of the 2011 World Cup chess tournament in Tallinn, we have been working continuously to find the best solutions and ways to guarantee a top level tournament, especially when taking the current economical situation into account.

We have received requests from your side to pay the deposit of 10.000 EUR in order to emphasize our determination to organize the 2011 World Cup tournament. Before paying out the deposit, we obtained an additional confirmation from the city of Tallinn, the Estonian state and from the Estonian Olympic Committee underlining that this event has the highest priority for the whole nation, and that we still have their support for organizing the World Cup in 2011.

We have received the draft of cooperation agreement previously from you and we are working on that. Since the format of the World Cup tournament has changed, as has the economical situation in the world, we are planning to send you a couple of minor suggestions, additions and appendixes to that agreement in the nearest future. Taking the Estonian high level of technology into consideration, we are interested in organizing some of the electronic service ourselves (including LIVE-transmissions).

We are in the process of establishing a special organization, which includes also representatives from the state and the city in order to organize the World Cup in 2011. We have received a confirmation from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Estonia, Mr. Urmas Paet, who has agreed on being the representative from the state's side. He also participated (then as our Minister of Culture) in promoting our attempt to hold the 2008 Olympiad at the FIDE Congress in 2004 in Calvia.

We are continuously and seriously eager and committed to organize the 2011 World Cup tournament in Tallinn, and we do have the support from the city of Tallinn and from the Estonian state.

I sincerely regret if any doubts have emerged from FIDE's side about our seriousness to organize the 2011 World Cup, and I hope that by promising to inform FIDE on regular terms about our daily actions in form of regular overviews I may sweep such doubts out of the way.

To start with, we will send you our detailed suggestions and additions to the cooperation agreement (as mentioned above) very soon. We sincerely hope that we can sign the contract already in the beginning of July 2009.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Carmen Kass
President of the Estonian Chess Federation