

FIDE VICE PRESIDENT LEWIS NCUBE'S SPEECH AT MOVES FOR LIFE PRESIDENTIAL DINNER AT GALLAGHER CONVENTION CENTRE ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 24, 2010

*YOUR EXCELLENCY MR. JACOB ZUMA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, DISTINGUISHED CABINET MINISTERS PRESENT HERE, VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS CORPORATE ENTITIES, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CHESS FEDERATION, TRUSTEES AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME CHESS TRUST, DISTINGUISHED INVITED GUESTS LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.*

*MAY I EXPRESS MY HONOUR AND DELIGHT ON BEHALF OF THE WORLD CHESS FEDERATION (FIDE) AT THE INVITATION FROM THE SUPREME CHESS TRUST TO BE PRESENT TO THE PRESIDENTIAL DINNER FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE MOVES FOR LIFE PROGRAMME.*

*IT IS NOT MY INTENTION TO MAKE A LONG SPEECH AS I BELIEVE THAT MOST OF WHAT I WOULD WISH TO DWELL ON HAS BEEN ADEQUATELY COVERED BY THE PRESENTATION FROM MY COLLEAGUE FIDE VICE PRESIDENT ALI NIHAT YAZICI WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE FIDE CHESS IN SCHOOLS COMMISSION.*

*AS YOU HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE AWARE, THE IMPORTANCE OF CHESS AS AN EDUCATION TOOL IS NOT CONTESTABLE. THE MERITS OF INCLUSION OF CHESS IN SCHOOL CURRICULAR AROUND THE WORLD HAS BEEN ANALYSED BY AND DEBATED UPON WITH THE REGULAR CONCLUSION THAT WHEREVER THIS PRACTICE HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN ASTONISHINGLY POSITIVE.*

*FIDE VICE PRESIDENT YAZICI WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE TURKISH CHESS FEDERATION HAS ELABORATED ON THE SUCCESS OF THE CHESS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME IN TURKEY. THE INITIATIVE OF THE MOVES FOR LIFE PROGRAMME BY THE SUPREME CHESS TRUST HAS THE POTENTIAL TO DEVELOP INTO AN AFRICAN BLUEPRINT FOR EDUCATION EMPOWERMENT TO THE DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE AFRICAN CONTINENT.*

*YOUR EXCELLENCY, I AM TRULY DELIGHTED AT THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE PERSONALLY GIVEN TO THE MOVES FOR LIFE PROGRAMME.*

*I AM CONFIDENT THAT WITH THE COMBINED EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CHESS FEDERATION, CHESSA AND THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME CHESS TRUST, WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE EDUCATION EMPOWERMENT VEHICLE FOR SOUTH AFRICA IN THE NAME OF THE MOVES FOR LIFE PROGRAMME.*

*FIDE WILL BE A WILLING PARTNER IN EXTENDING THIS PROGRAMME AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO THE REST OF AFRICA, SHOULD THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF THE TRUST WISH TO PROCEED IN THAT DIRECTION.*

*THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN ON BEHALF THE FIDE PRESIDENT AND THE PRESIDENTIAL BOARD*