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To: FIDE General Assembly

Dear delegates of the General Assembly,

The Ukrainian Chess Federation would like to suggest reviewing the following changes in the management process of the World Chess Federation (FIDE).

General Assembly, Executive Board and Presidential Board are the main bodies that currently take decisions on FIDE management. The General Assembly is the highest authority of FIDE with clearly stated duties and obligations. However, the current distribution of the responsibilities between Presidential Board and Executive Board is not logically defined.

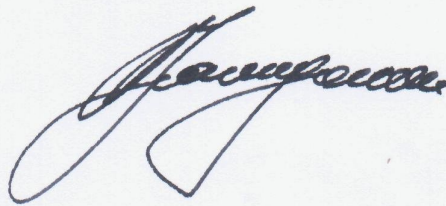
According to the FIDE Handbook, the meetings of the Presidential Board are to take place every three months, where most of decisions on FIDE management are taken. For example, as defined in Chapter 12 01 FIDE Statutes “Miscellaneous regulations” “A decision to change the Secretariat or any branch offices, or to create any branch office, may be taken by the Presidential Board”. The Executive Board is to gather annually and deals with matters that are usually dealt with by the General Assembly.

The analysis of the structure of two Boards shows that Executive Board contains all members of the Presidential Board extended by Zonal Presidents and four representatives from each of the Continents. Participation of Zonal Presidents and continent representatives in the day-to-day decision-making process is crucial, because it provides the possibility for every member of FIDE from all over the world to contribute to the development of chess without being discriminated for any possible reason.

In order to increase the management efficiency and transparency of the decisions as well as to increase the contribution of members from all over the world, the Ukrainian Chess Federation suggests passing on all the duties and responsibilities from the Presidential Board to the Executive Board. In this case there will be two governing bodies of FIDE: the General Assembly and the Executive Board, which will simplify all the processes and to underline the main idea of FIDE - "We are one family". The Presidential Board will play a consultative role and members of the Presidential Board will be appointed by the FIDE President.

Best regards,

President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Viktor Kapustin', written in a cursive style.

Viktor Kapustin

Attachment:

Extracts from the current FIDE Handbook with the Chapters on "Executive Board" and "Presidential Board" (2 pages)

Chapter 05 - The Executive Board

5.1. The Executive Board concerns itself with matters that are usually dealt with by the General Assembly between its sessions ; it deals in particular with the annual reports of the President and the Treasurer as well as all further subjects listed on the agenda for the General Assembly and recommends actions. During Olympiad years the Executive Board will only hold an abbreviated meeting which will discuss only those issues which are paramount on the agenda and have broad interest or those that may generate controversy at the General Assembly.

5.2. The Executive Board consists of:
the President, the Honorary President, the Deputy President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Vice Presidents, the Honorary Vice-Presidents, the four Continental Presidents, the Zonal Presidents, four representatives from each of the Continents, the Auditor, and the Men`s World Champion and the Women`s World Champion.

With the exception of the Zonal Presidents the members of the Executive Board officiate in person. No replacement is possible. FIDE shall be informed of the name of the substitute of the Zonal President in writing. The Chairman of the Commission or his representative shall be entitled to attend the Executive Board and to speak upon matters affecting his Commission but shall not be entitled to vote unless he is a member of the Executive Board. The representative of the ICCF shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Executive Board and have an observer voice, but no vote. All countries are welcome to attend the meetings of the Executive Board and express their opinions on any item of pending legislation.

5.3. The Executive Board meets at least once a year, as a rule immediately before the General Assembly and once per non Olympiad year.
The Executive Board can be convened by the President at any time.
Procedures are subject to the same articles as set out for the General Assembly.

5.4. Recommendations by the Executive Board are subject to the regulations as applicable for the General Assembly, with the exception of Art. 4.3.

5.5. The Agenda of the meetings of the Executive Board and the minutes are subject to the same procedures as the General Assembly.

Chapter 07 - The Presidential Board

7.1.

The Presidential Board is the managing organization of FIDE and is in charge with the day-to-day management of FIDE. It resolves on all matters not otherwise and explicitly reserved to another body by those Statutes. The Presidential Board exercises the rights of the General Assembly and the Executive Board between meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Board respectively. Such powers include taking decisions which require a 3/4 majority vote pursuant to Standing Order to 1.2. Any rights so exercised have no continuing effect beyond the following General Assembly unless so authorized by the requisite majority vote. However, the Presidential Board cannot take decisions on the following:

- Election of officials,
- changes in Statutes,
- Rules Commission matters,
- Qualification Commission matters,
- Budget reviews.

7.2. (GA `96) The Presidential Board consists of the President, the Honorary President, the Deputy President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Vice Presidents, the four Continental Presidents, World Champion, Women`s World Champion and the Honorary Vice-Presidents. Honorary Vice Presidents are ex officio members of the Presidential Board without vote. The Auditor shall be invited to all the Presidential Board meetings. The Auditor should not be a member of the Presidential Board when he is elected by the General Assembly. In the event of any vacancy occurring on the Presidential Board, it shall be filled from within the Board by the Board, except in the case of a Continental Presidency vacancy which shall be referred for election by the particular continent, provided that the membership of the Presidential Board does not drop below the statutory requirements.

A Steering Committee consisting of the President, Deputy President, First Vice President, General Secretary and Treasurer can convene as necessary to discuss urgent and developing issues. All actions taken by the Steering Committee must be ratified by the Presidential Board.

7.3. The Presidential Board assembles at least once every three months. In addition the President may at any time convene the Presidential Board for consultation in person, by telefax or teleconference.

7.4. The Agenda of the meetings of the Presidential Board, as well as the relevant documents, shall reach members at least one week before the meeting (or be published on the official website of FIDE). Any other item will be banned from discussion, except in an emergency situation, where evidence must be clearly established and is approved by a vote of two thirds of those members present. Commissions` reports shall be received one month before the Presidential Board. All decisions shall be given an alpha-numeric designation. The final minutes shall be distributed no later than one month after a meeting is closed.