

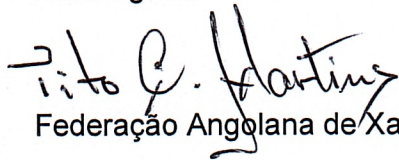
Dear FIDE  
General Assembly

The Confederação Lusófona de Xadrez (Portuguese speaking Chess Association) was created on the 28th of September in Batumi, With the presence of the Federations of Angola, Brasil, Cabo Verde, Mozambique, Macau, São Tomé e Príncipe, Timor Leste and Portugal.

We would request to be recognized as a member association under the fide status chapter 02 membership B organizations and individuals 2.8

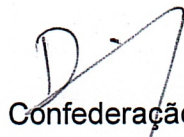
Batumi, 1 de Outubro de 2018

Best regards



Federação Angolana de Xadrez

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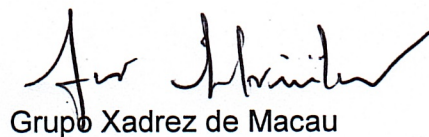


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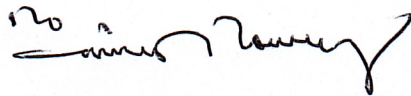


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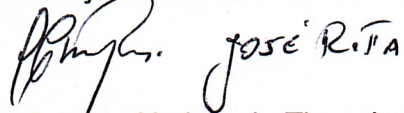
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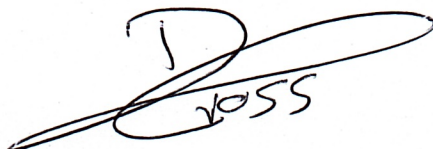


Federação de Xadrez de São Tomé e Príncipe



Federação Xadrez de Timor Leste

Federação Portuguesa de Xadrez



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12/12/2019

Arun Muthusamy  
Chief Executive Officer,  
South Asian Chess Council

To:

Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich,  
President of FIDE  
FIDE Secretariat, 1007 Lausanne, Switzerland  
Avenue de Rhodanie 54

Dear Mr President,

**Sub: Approval of South Asian Chess Council (SACC) / Publishing the Formation in FIDE Website.**

We wish to inform you about the council, we established in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to incubate social projects across South Asian Countries of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The council also approved their constitution at its congress in the presence of FIDE vice president GM Nigel Short and your advisor Mr Berik Balgabaev during the South Asian Event organised by Syed Shahab Uddin Shamim, General secretary Bangladesh Chess Federation.

Mr Benazir Ahmed, President of Bangladesh Chess Federation was unanimously elected as the President of the South Asian Chess Council.

Mr Dharmendra Kumar IA from India as Deputy President, Mr G. Luxman Wijesuria, was elected as Secretary General and Mr Lekey Dorji, the President of Bhutan Chess Federation president was elected as its treasurer. Ram Thapa, Vice President of the Nepal Chess Association, as Vice President. Additionally, Three elected executive committee members are: Senator Kalsoom Parveen of Pakistan, Mr Hussain Shiyan of Maldives and Mr Ghulam Ali Malak Zad of Afghanistan.

All the Councils Members have been nominated by the concerned National Chess Federations. Additionally, the SACC President appointed Arun Muthusamy (myself) as the Chief Executive Officer to take care of the day-to-day activities of SACC.

We would like to affiliate our South Asian Chess Council as an Apex member of FIDE to further strengthen FIDE engagement within the grassroots in diverse South Asian Region. In support of the above the following documents are attached for your kind consideration.

1. Vision and Mission Statement
2. Statues of SACC
3. Minutes of SACC Congress

We look forward to include this within the agenda for the forthcoming General Assembly and further look for approval for affiliation with FIDE.

Best Regards,

Arun Muthusamy (Mr)  
Chief Executive Officer,  
South Asian Chess Council

## Overview

# SACC Mission Statement

**Vision:** Sustainable Development for Chess in South Asian Region

**Mission:** Promote Social Change efforts with Chess

**Values:** Governments in South Asia are committed for promoting Social inclusion with Chess. Improve access for Government to bring cooperation.

**Goals:** Develop Social Project that will support chess for Rural Communities in South Asian Region. Integrate the Government led cooperation to improve cohesion in South Asia with Chess.

### **Objectives:**

To deliver investment to Social Projects across South Asian Countries.

To support programs that promote chess as a means for Sports excellence.

To create a professional incubator in South Asian Countries.

To advise the Ministries on the evidence driven development for policy

To bring chess into engagement with South Asian Games (SAF Games)

To organize a mentoring programme by Top Men and Top Women Grandmasters.

To Design and Deliver Grassroots programme.

To provide professional management, set policies and offer sustainable support for South Asian programs.

## STATUTES OF THE SOUTH ASIAN CHESS COUNCIL

### **1: AIMS**

The SOUTH ASIAN CHESS COUNCIL (SACC) is an Autonomous institution under FIDE, which intends to incubate all kind of projects including **Social Projects** within Chess in South Asian Region. The SACC is established as a unique project for chess development in the South Asian Region. It will establish and coordinate the consultation activity and organize investment delivery to all kind of projects under the auspices of FIDE. The SACC will represent the interests of the members of SACC at FIDE and relevant international, regional, national, Government, non-government and public organizations.

### **2: Members**

2.1 Any National Chess Federation on the South Asian Region as defined in FIDE statute Art. 2.1 or any other National Chess Federation belonging to an Asian Zone 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7 (Afghanistan) are considered to be default member of SACC.

2.2 New members and associate members are admitted to SACC by a decision of the FIDE upon a recommendation of the SACC Executive Committee.

2.3 The National Chess federation of each country mentioned in the above zones can be affiliated to SACC. In case of doubt the matter is solved by a final binding decision of the SACC Executive Committee.

2.4 Any association related to chess can be accepted as an associate SACC member without the right to vote.

### **3: SAAC Officials**

3.1 The SACC Executive Committee comprises of 9 persons;

A. The President

B. The Deputy President

C. The Secretary General

D. The Vice President

F. The Treasurer

G. Three Members

H. Chief Executive Officer

3.2 Not more than one member per country shall hold individual positions in 3.1

3.3 The SACC President may call a referendum for interim elections in case of incapacity of an elected official and inform the FIDE on the election outcome.

### **4. The SACC Executive Committee**

4.1 The SACC Executive Committee is the highest authority of SACC, and shall have the power to decide upon any matters arising in SACC and decisions directed by FIDE.

4.2 Where possible, the Board shall meet annually during Annual SACC / SACC General Assembly or FIDE Congress and endorse the implementation plan for the decisions of the FIDE on SACC projects. The

SACC Executive Committee meets whenever the SACC President and the SACC Chief Executive finds it necessary or when at least half the Board members call for a meeting through the SACC Secretary General. Meetings of the Board are closed and by the invitation of the Secretary General.

4.3 Decisions and resolutions of the FIDE are adopted, as implemented by the SACC Chief Executive in coordination with the SACC Executive Committee.

4.4 Decisions of the Board require simple majority of votes. The term simple majority hereinafter refers to fifty percent of the votes plus one vote.

4.4.1 Each member representation has one vote to cast.

4.4.2 Votes are made orally unless secret ballot is agreed to by the majority

4.4.3 Votes on elections are cast by secret ballot.

4.4.4 A delegate represents every member country within SACC.

4.4.5 Resolutions are passed by a majority of the votes, without counting the abstentions

4.4.6 A majority of the votes cast, not counting abstentions, shall be required for the election of the officers, individually and collectively where necessary.

4.4.8 If three or more persons are nominated for the same office and no one person receives the majority on the first ballot then:

a) The candidate receiving the fewest votes on the first ballot shall be eliminated from the list before the second vote.

b) If there are still three or more candidates for the offices or office and no one candidate receives the required absolute majority on the second ballot, the process of eliminating one candidate at a time shall continue, until an absolute majority is achieved.

4.4.9 Associate members do not have the right to vote.

4.5 The annual meeting of SACC is convened by the President with at least two months notice.

4.6 The agenda must be sent to member countries by emails, fax or regular mail at least one month prior to the meeting.

4.7 Proposals from member organisations to be included in the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting should reach the SACC Secretariat not later than six weeks before the beginning of the Executive Committee Meeting.

4.9 The SACC Executive Committee may delegate some of its duties to the SACC Chief Executive.

4.10 The SACC Executive Committee meeting has the following duties that cannot be delegated to another body:

a) Election of the SACC Executive Committee – every 4 years

b) President's report, budget and the financial report and Vote on Financial regulations.

c) Vote on the new associate members



d) Other duties defined as non-transferrable by the Executive Committee or the statutes.

4.11 The motion to add items to the agenda of the SACC Executive Board must be adopted by a simple majority.

4.12 The quorum of the meetings of the SACC Executive Board shall be the simple majority of members. The President shall chair the meetings.

4.13 The SACC Chief Executive shall act as the Executive Director of the SACC Executive Committee.

4.14 The SACC Executive Committee shall have the powers to:

a) make decisions on all matters, which are not exclusive to the FIDE or are not reserved exclusively for other bodies under the Statutes, insofar as they are not delegated to another body by FIDE.

b) Ensure that the Statutes are applied, and adopt byelaws and the executive arrangements required for their application;

c) Take all necessary measure to achieve the goals of SACC and promote Chess in the South Asian Region and the observance by the Members and Observers of this Statute.

d) Appoint the External Auditors.

e) Carry out all such other activities as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the Objects of the SACC;

4.15 In cases of great urgency, the Chief Executive may take decisions normally taken by the Executive Committee in consensus with the SACC Executive Committee and FIDE.

4.16 Any such decision taken by the Chief Executive is subject to ratification by the SACC at the next meeting.

4.17 The Chief Executive shall be bound to convene special meetings of the SACC Executive Committee if so requested by at least four Executive Committee members. In their request, which shall be in writing, the said members shall state the objective for the convening of the meeting. The meeting shall be called and held not later than one month from receipt of the request unless differed by FIDE.

4.18 Decisions of the SACC Executive Committee require simple majority of votes, which is fifty percent of the votes, plus one vote.

4.19 The Executive Committee shall not discuss matters that are not contained in the Agenda except for any matter, which, in the view of the Executive Committee, is an urgent or important nature.

## **5. General Assembly**

1. The SACC President shall propose a Session During FIDE Congress and it shall be considered as SACC General Assembly / Annual meeting. Quorum of the general assembly will be 50% of members plus 1(one) additional member.
2. The General Assembly will be chaired by the President of the SACC and during his absence the deputy president should chair.
3. Any change in the constitution should be passed by the SACC executive committee and proposed in general assembly and majority of the members should vote and support for it.
4. Every year the annual reports shall be submitted in the SACC executive meeting / SACC General Assembly which need to be passed by the executive committee.

## **6. THE SACC PRESIDENT**

6.1 The President is the ceremonial representative of SACC and shall Chair the SACC Executive Committee Meetings. The President is further represent the detailed Reports to the FIDE on the projects and investment delivered to SACC.

6.2 The President shall be the Chairperson of the Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee meeting.

6.3 The SACC President shall be elected every 4 years. He shall also be the representative of the SACC and Nominated by a Member Country.

6.4 The SACC President shall generally do all such other things as may be required for the fulfillment of the objectives of the SACC and the directives of the SACC Executive Committee.

6.5 The President may delegate some of his duties and/or powers under this Statute to his nominee.

## **7. THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT**

7.1 The Deputy President will carry out the duties and responsibilities as assigned by the President.

7.2 Represent the SACC in lieu of the President and Chair meetings in lieu of the President.

7.3 Deputy President will carry out the duties and responsibilities as assigned by the President.

## **8. THE VICE PRESIDENT**

The Vice President will carry out the duties and responsibilities as assigned by the President.

## **9. THE GENERAL SECRETARY**

9.1 The General Secretary will carry out the duties and responsibilities as assigned by the President.

9.2 The Secretary General shall also be responsible for preparing an annual calendar and advising Federations on this Statute and FIDE regulations to the Member Chess Federations in the South Asian Region.

9.4 The Secretary General shall be responsible for the recording the minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Executive Committee meetings and shall keep records of such meetings.

9.5 The Secretary General shall participate in the Annual Meeting and Executive Committee meetings.

## **10. THE TREASURER**

10.1 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the Finance of the SACC according to the FIDE regulations and allocations.

10.2 The Treasurer shall be responsible for invoicing and collection of money from member countries for the services of the previous months that shall include the annual membership fees.

10.3 The Treasurer shall also be responsible for preparing an annual budget based on FIDE allocations to the SACC and all revenues.

10.4 Entry fees and other allocations must be deposited in the FIDE Accounts and SACC. Further, he shall report to the President and Secretary General quarterly on the financial activity of SACC.

10.5 Annual reports of the Treasurer shall be audited by an accredited accounting firm.

## **11. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

11.1 The Chief Executive shall implement decisions passed by the SACC Executive Committee, the SACC President and in compliance with the FIDE's directives.

11.2 The Chief Executive shall be responsible for the day-to-day administrative affairs of SACC.

11.3 The Chief Executive shall be responsible for the appointment, discipline and dismissal of SACC Staff.

11.4 The Chief Executive shall also assist and participate in the Annual Meeting and Executive Committee meetings.

11.5 The Chief Executive shall be responsible for all correspondence of the SACC and in coordination with the General Secretary.

11.6 The Chief Executive is the link between all the institutions and Officials of SACC mentioned in Article 3 of this Statute and between SACC Executive Committee and Member Countries.

11.7 The Chief Executive shall keep the Member Countries informed and shall execute the policies of the SACC as directed in the Annual meeting and Executive Committee meeting and FIDE.

11.9 The Chief Executive shall perform all other work asked by the FIDE authorities and by the SACC Executive Committee.

11.10 The Chief Executive may appoint Advisory Panel Members, patrons from Countries within the South Asian Region and globally.

## **12. ELECTORAL REGULATIONS**

12.1 The President, Deputy President, Vice President, The Secretary General and the Treasurer are elected by simple majority. Nominations on the Executive positions shall specify the proposed nominees to run for the offices of President, Deputy President, Vice President, The Secretary General and the Treasurer.

12.2 Nominations for the Executive positions must reach the Secretariat at least three months before the opening of the Annual Meeting. The nomination of the federations shall be communicated to SACC Secretariat by the federation's President. A member country is entitled to nominate only one elected Executive Position. SACC is entitled to accept the authenticity of the nomination it receives.

12.3 Each Presidential Candidate shall present to the SACC Secretariat the following documents within the deadline above: (a) letters of confirmation of acceptance (b) The nominating letter from National Chess Federation.

12.4 The SACC Secretariat will announce the candidates for the Executive positions on the website, the day following the deadline above and will ensure that the listing of all nominees is included in the Agenda sent to all member federations prior to the Annual Meeting.

12.5 On the day of the elections, the candidate for President will have a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes on stage to present his/her program. In case of more than one candidate the order of appearance shall be decided by the drawing of lots.

12.6 In case one candidate for the Executive position becomes incapable to run for the election (death, illness or similar serious reasons), he/she

can be replaced within 20 days after the unexpected event, but at the latest until the day before the election.

12.7 All positions are elected every four years.

12.8 If the post of the Deputy President, Vice President, The Secretary General, the Treasurer becomes vacant for any reason, the President shall appoint the successor to continue the term of his predecessor until the next election.

12.9 If the President loses his post for any reason, The Deputy President shall assume the responsibilities of the President and shall call for new general elections within six months of the date of the loss of the President of his post.

### **13. COMMISSIONS**

13.1 SACC shall have the following main standing commissions and shall lay down by regulation their composition and principal terms of reference, powers, and duties to support mission of SACC. If it is necessary any other commissions could be created by the SACC Executive Committee on the suggestion of FIDE. The SACC standing committees are as follows;

(a) Project Planning and Resource Allocation Commission;

(b) International Relationship and Partnership Commission;

(c) Ethics and Disciplinary Commission;

(d) Research and Innovation Commission;

(e) Women Empowerment Commission;

13.2 These committees may include persons who are not members of Executive Board of SACC, or who are appointed by persons or bodies other than SACC, in addition to members of SACC, but may not consist wholly of such persons. The chief executive upon the recommendations from FIDE shall make all such appointments.

13.3. The composition, terms of reference, powers, and duties of committees set up under section 13 of this statute shall be laid down by SACC, by regulation or otherwise as SACC shall think appropriate, subject to the provisions of the statutes and regulations.

13.4 The Chief Executive of SACC shall supply to SACC Executive Committee the details of the current membership of committees set up by statute or regulation.

## **14. FINANCE REGULATIONS**

14.1 The following financial regulations shall apply to SACC activities:

14.1.1 The Financial year will start on 1<sup>st</sup> January and will end on 31<sup>st</sup> December.

14.1.2 The SACC budget and accounting will be based on the US Dollar. The Financial records should be maintained for 5 years

14.1.3 The SACC's revenues are generated through membership fees, allocations from FIDE, Projects Grants, sponsorships, donations, other sources, specialized fund-raising events and entry fees for Official tournaments.



14.1.4 The annual membership fees from each member countries will be US\$ 100.

14.1.5 If any member is two years in arrears, their membership might be suspended by a decision of the SACC Executive board.

14.1.6 All affiliated countries taking part in official events held under the authority of SACC and FIDE shall pay the entry fees of their players prior to the start of the tournament directly to the organizers failing which will result in a penalty of 10% charged on the entry fees.

14.1.7 For all the SACC events the organizing federation will pay 50% of the entry fees to SACC and the balance of 50% will be retained by the organizing federation.

14.1.8 SACC bank accounts shall be in the name of the SOUTH ASIAN CHESS COUNCIL. President, Treasurer and CEO are the signatories and it's duty of the treasurer to maintain all the records and check the process and provide information as when required.

14.1.9 The annual budget of SACC shall be done by the Treasurer before the Annual Meeting and is subject to acceptance by the Executive Committee.

14.1.10 Each year at the Annual Meeting the Treasurer shall present the Final balance account duly audited for approval by the Executive Board.

14.1.11 For extraordinary expenses, not contained in the budget, a request can be submitted to the committee. The Committee may grant such expenses if they are in the interest of the SACC.

14.1.12 Member Country of the SACC who are excluded by FIDE due to non-payment of membership fees are also excluded from SACC meetings.

14.2 The officials working for the SACC have the right to have expenses reimbursed. The Executive Committee shall formulate guidelines. Reimbursement of expenses going beyond these guidelines must be approved by the Executive Committee.

14.3 Allocations from the Country of the SACC Headquarter shall be deposited in a separate account under the exclusive authority of the President. The account shall be audited by accredited auditors accepted by the Government of the Headquarters country. The audited report is transmitted to the allocating authority only.

14.4 The Financials should be audited by an external auditor every year. The external auditor shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

## **15. GOVERNING LAW:**

14.1 The activities of SACC shall be governed by this Statute and byelaws enacted by the SACC Executive Committee in accordance with Article 5.4.b of this statute, as well as the resolutions and decisions of FIDE.

14.2 In cases not provided for in the above governing laws, the Rules of FIDE shall apply.

## **15. Compliance of SACC Statute with FIDE**

15.1 SACC Statute will be in compliance with the FIDE Statute and Rules.

15.2 In case of any conflict between the FIDE Statute and the SACC Statute, the latter will prevail.

## **16. JUDICIAL BODIES OF SACC:**

16.1 The judicial bodies of the SACC are: the Disciplinary Committee and the Ethics Committee;

## **16.2 The DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

16.2.1 The Disciplinary Committee shall be composed of three members including its chairperson elected by the Annual Meeting upon a recommendation of the Executive Committee.

16.2.2 The Disciplinary Committee shall apply the SACC Statute, bye laws and decisions and resolutions of SACC Institutions and Officials mentioned in Article 3.

16.2.3 Any Federation Member or individual member of a Federation may be sanctioned If the duties to SACC are not fulfilled, or in case of violation of the Statute, Rules, and / or decisions of the SACC Institutions. Sanctions are:

16.2.3.1 Warning

16.2.3.2 Suspension

16.2.3.3 Referral to FIDE Code of Ethics.

16.2.4 Sanctions shall be imposed by the SACC Executive Committee upon recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee.

16.2.5 Any Sanction imposed on a competitor or a person by the SACC Executive Committee shall be recognized and complied with by all SACC Members.

16.2.6 Sanctions shall be in force immediately upon the decision being made unless the SACC Executive Committee rules otherwise.

## **17 The Ethics COMMITTEE**

17.1 The Ethics Committee shall be composed of three members including its Chief Executive to examine specific issues presented to the Secretariat pertaining to SACC.

17.2 The Ethics Committee shall apply the FIDE Code of Ethics and assist the Chief Executive to direct to FIDE Ethics commission.

17.3 Members of the judicial bodies shall not belong to any Institutions and Officials of SACC mentioned in Article 3 at the same time.

17.4 Any Official of SACC or any Member of SACC federation may be sanctioned by a decision of the Ethics Committee if he/she after a hearing is proved to be in violation of any of the FIDE Ethics Code. The Sanctions are as follows:

17.5 Warning

17.6 Temporary Suspension

17.7 Referral to FIDE Code of Ethics

## **18. Resolution of Disputes**

18.1 Disputes relating to the interpretation and implementation of this Statute, bye laws, regulations or resolutions or decisions of SACC Institutions and Officials mentioned in Article 3 shall be resolved by a final and binding decision of the SACC Executive Committee.

18.2 Disputes between the SACC and any of its Member Country Representatives or individual members of Member Chess Federations or between Member Federations themselves or between individual members

of SACC shall be resolved by a final decision of the SACC Executive Committee.

18.3 Decisions of the FIDE or SACC Executive Committee other than those issued in accordance with 18.1 or the sanctions imposed by the Ethics Committee may be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) in Lausanne.

18.4 The time limit for appeal is 21 days from the issue of the appealed decision.

18.5 Any dispute between SACC and contractors or sponsors shall be resolved by the Court of Arbitration for sports. Any agreement with a sponsor or contractor must include a provision to that end.

18.6 The Decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sport shall be final and binding on the parties.

18.7 By accepting this Statute, National Chess Federations within SACC submit to the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for sport (CAS) and should amend their Statutes accordingly.

## **19 MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS**

19.1 The SACC Executive Committee decides on the locations of a permanent office (SACC Secretariat) at the motion of the Committee. Normally this is the seat of the SACC President.

19.2 The official language of the SACC is English. In documents containing versions in more than one language, the English version is the official one.

19.3 National Chess Federations, shall provide assistance (and cost included) for translating any specific document in the local and target

language. This shall be requested in writing to the SACC Secretary General.

19.4 Communications within the SACC shall be by letter, fax or email.

## **Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> SACC Congress**

**29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Dhaka, Bangladesh @ 16:00 hours**

**Introduction speech by Mr Syed Sahab Uddin Shamim**, General Secretary of Bangladesh Chess Federation and Zone President 3.2, Councilor of FIDE Social Council Commission. After introduction Mr Shamim passed the session to Mr Arun Muthusamy.

Mr Arun Muthusamy explained the objectives of SACC. Reads Vision and Mission Statement as follows;

Chess is an intangible heritage of Humanity.

Last 200 years, the human elements of struggle have been best shown with the achievements in chess. For example, today, India is having youngest international Masters and gearing to have the youngest Grandmaster. But these records are actively broken.

On one end, this is providing the Governments new insights and interest to invest in the game. The Government Mindset is allow these path finders to establish themselves.

Politicians Like the Volume games, Chess has delivered an interesting proposition with Chess-in-Schools, Chess for Peace and bringing all soft diplomatic programme.

The Vision of SACC is purely social, however, focusing on establishing a meaningful dialogue to NUTURE The potential of chess, within what the rest of the world has achieve with the " People Centred Global Economy "

In this area: There are big Ideas of Business to (a) Engage with Corporate Social Responsibility (b) Promotion of Social Enterprise and Social Leaders within the Employees or Communities they strongly engage with.

With Chess, we have started to engage with children as young as "2.5 years to 110 years." This gives an unique opportunity to additionally bring social projects that are aimed at bringing a more equal society.

SAARC is one of such efforts to bring a cooperation around South Asia to be collectively working in cooperative sectors. - (A) Infrastructure (B) Social Projects.

### **SAARC type Projects:**

#1 Reaching the Unreached Communities -

#2 SAIEVAC - "South Asian Initiative for Ending Violence Against Children"

We at this gathering, would also understand these model and facilitate incubation of Social Projects that enriches South Asian Diversity and demonstrate the rest of the FIDE Member Federation, opportunity that we can have to demonstrate a SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT within Chess that different government is engaging.

### **Social Projects will spread across**

- A. Community - Scheduled Community / Backward Community
- B. Disability
- C. Rehabilitation - Drug/ People trafficking and Exploitation
- D. Poverty Reduction
- E. Equality Issues - Women Empowerment and Children Empowerment etc..
- F. Conflict Resolving Institutes - Cooperation etc...

It will collectively engage the cooperation with Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerments, and Human Resource Development to cooperate on Sports Diplomacy.

Human Rights is also an important area, that Social Projects incubated with SACC will provide greater insights into values nurtured by SACC

## **2. Speech by President Mr Benazir Ahmed**

President welcomed all the eight Country delegates who are from SAARC region and president also gave a speech of the aims and objectives and action plan of the SAAC. President thanked Berik, Nigel and all member countries for working on a pivotal role in the organisation. Today is a history in Bangladesh chess and in the Dhaka collaboration we all can work together as one family. With the support of sponsors and FIDE we shall do this tremendous activity. Soon Bangladesh will have its Grandmaster and we are seriously working on the Chess in Schools and talent hunting in schools. President also said that we are given a floor and we will be definitely loyal to FIDE. Now we execute the priority and we will bring implementable plan for the south Asian regional chess activities and the social development. President once again congratulating the proposed executives of SACC

**3. Nigel Short, Vice President of FIDE** explains the FIDE President's vision in developing chess across South Asian region



4. Speech by all the representatives from eight SAARC countries.

5. Proposal by Mr Laxman Wijesuriya about the SACC election and the constitution of the SACC. Members elected.

**6. Arun Muthusamy explains the hierarchy of the SACC organization**

The SACC Executive Committee comprises of 9 persons;

A. The President - Bangladesh

B. The Deputy President - India

C. The Secretary General – Sri Lanka

D. The Vice President - Nepal

F. The Treasurer – Bhutan

G. Three Members – Pakistan, Afghanistan and Maldives

H. Chief Executive Officer – Mr Arun Muthusamy

**7. Distribution of the statues – To all the members of the SACC**

Mr Laxman, the Secretary General of SACC raised concerns about proxy votes. It was unanimously agreed to remove the word proxy in the statues.

Mr Shiyan of Maldives raised the issue of defining the word “simple majority” and General Assembly of SACC. Proposed amendments and it has been implemented. No other concerns from any other member countries.

**8. Members signed the consent form**

**9. Press conference from SACC**

**10. Congress concluded.**