



Ordino, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023

The Andorra Chess Federation, endorse the proposal to cancel the limit of the maximum two presidential terms for one person by the deleting of article 18.12 of the FIDE Charter:

“18.12 A person cannot serve as FIDE President for more than two terms of four years. Terms may be consecutive or non-consecutive.”

The 2023 GA is an appropriate moment to reverse/make the respective amendments to the Charter while this is the least politicized period in between elections, and there are no direct beneficiaries from adoption of the change in regulations.

Yours faithfully.

Francesc Rechi Pérez  
President

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Santa Cruz, Bolivia, October 16, 2023

Dear FIDE Secretary,

The Bolivian Chess Federation (F.B.A.) is an active member of FIDE.

Requests to modify the article of the FIDE Statutes that limits the presidential term to two four-year terms.

We believe that this time (8 years) is insufficient to demonstrate substantial improvements in our institution and we request that it be increased to 3 or 4 terms at most (12 or 16 years and this can be defined by vote of the member countries), since it would be a prudent time to see long-term results.

We recognize that the current FIDE leadership has demonstrated its excellence and commitment in his first term, which began in 2018 and ended in 2022. He has improved governance, transparency and professionalism of FIDE, increased financial stability and sponsorship of chess events, promoted the development and popularity of chess around the world, especially among young people and women, and supported the rights and interests of chess players.

However, our proposal is not motivated by any personal or political preference for the current leadership of FIDE. It is motivated by our belief that long-term improvements need a reasonable amount of time to become a reality, which is why we ask for the extension to 3 or 4 terms and for it to be debated and voted on at the annual FIDE congress.

We hope that you will consider our proposal favorably and include it in the agenda of the next FIDE General Assembly.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

G.M. Osvaldo Zambrana Enríquez  
PRESIDENTE F.B.A.

GM Osvaldo Zambrana Enriquez  
F.B.A. President





# Confederação Brasileira de Xadrez

Filiada à Federation Internationale des Échecs & FIDE

Fundada em 6.11.1924

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Dear FIDE Secretariat, Dear Members of Constitutional Commission,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Brazilian Chess Federation

We from CBX would like to propose to delete the article of the FIDE Charter that limits the presidential term to two terms of four years. We believe that this article is not necessary and limits the choice of the most important decision making person in our sport.

Our recent years were very difficult times due to pandemic of Corona Virus and the Geopolitical situation and despite this FIDE manage to stay solid. CBX thinks that the FIDE members should have the right to elect anyone regardless how many terms and choose their preferred candidate based on their merits and possibility of making our sport better.

Our request so is to removal this article and hope the next General Assembly can appreciate so we kindly ask to add to the agenda our proposal

Best Regards

GM Darcy Lima

Brazilian Chess Federation Delegate



**FEDERACION DEPORTIVA NACIONAL  
AJEDREZ FEDERADO DE CHILE - AJEFECH**

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Santiago de Chile, 13 de octubre de 2023

## FIDE SECRETARIAT

Dear FIDE leadership team.

We begin with a cordial greeting from the Chilean Chess Federation.

We are writing to confirm our participation in the next assembly scheduled for the month of December and to express our gratitude for the invitation.

In relation to the upcoming General Assembly, we kindly request the inclusion of an item on the agenda.

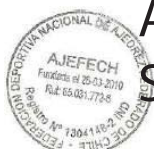
Submit for approval the repeal of article "18.12 A):

"18.12 A person may not serve as FIDE President for more than two four-year terms. The terms may be consecutive or non-consecutive."

We believe that this article presents a limitation in case the current President wishes to seek another mandate, considering FIDE's commitment to democratic principles. The elimination of article 18.12 does not alter or impede the democratic electoral process; instead, it improves it.

Sincerely

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ANDREA DIAZ  
SEPULVEDA**



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**PRESIDENTA  
FEDERACION DEPORTIVA NACIONAL  
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## FEDERACION COLOMBIANA DE AJEDREZ “FECODAZ”

Afiliada a la Federación Internacional de Ajedrez FIDE  
y al Comité Olímpico Colombiano  
Reconocida por el Instituto Colombiano del Deporte  
NIT. 860.016.595 – 0

**Dear FIDE Secretariat,**

We are writing to you on behalf of the Colombian Federation - FECODAZ, a member of FIDE and a supporter of the principle of meritocracy in FIDE leadership. We would like to propose to delete the article of the FIDE Charter that limits the presidential term to two terms of four years.

We believe that this article is unjust and unnecessary, as it restricts the choice and the voice of the FIDE members and prevents the continuation of the successful leadership and vision of any FIDE president who has earned the trust and respect of the chess community. We think that the FIDE members should have the right to elect their preferred candidate based on their merits and achievements, regardless of how many terms they have served before.

We acknowledge that the current FIDE leadership has demonstrated its excellence and commitment in its first term, which started in 2018 and will end in 2022. It has improved the governance, transparency, and professionalism of FIDE, increased the financial stability and sponsorship of chess events, promoted the development and popularity of chess around the world, especially among the youth and women, and supported the chess players' rights and interests. It has also shown great flexibility and innovation in dealing with the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, such as organizing online tournaments and hybrid events.

However, our proposal is not motivated by any personal or political preference for the current FIDE leadership. It is motivated by our belief that any FIDE president who has proven his or her competence, integrity, and dedication to FIDE and chess should have the opportunity to run for a third term or more, if he or she wishes to do so, and if he or she has the support of the majority of the FIDE members. This would ensure that FIDE has a diverse and dynamic leadership that reflects the diversity and dynamism of chess.

Therefore, we propose to delete the article of the FIDE Charter that limits the presidential term to two terms of four years. This would allow any FIDE president who has earned the trust and respect of the chess community to run for a third term or more in 2026 or later, and give the FIDE members the freedom to choose their preferred candidate based on their merits and achievements. This would also ensure the stability and continuity of FIDE's policies and projects, which are essential for the growth and development of chess.



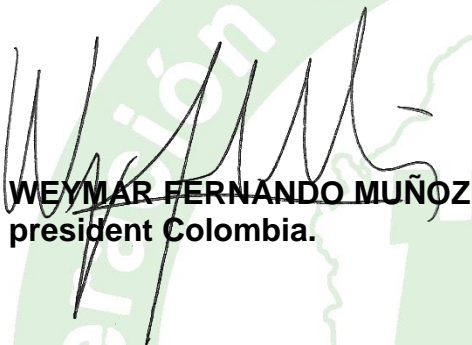
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We hope that you will consider our proposal favorably and put it on the agenda of the next FIDE General Assembly.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,



**WEYMAR FERNANDO MUÑOZ**  
president Colombia.





San Jose, Costa Rica, October 13th 2023

Dear  
Mr Lukasz Turlej  
FIDE Secretary General

The undersigned I am writing to you on behalf of the Costa Rican Chess Federation – FCA- member of FIDE.

The FCA want to propose a modification of article 18.12 of the FIDE Charter. While limits on re-election intend to guarantee candidates a level playing field and preserve a system of checks and balances, we must also consider the capacity of a solid institution to guarantee said equity and controls, as well as the work carried out by the government team.

The limits on re-election can restrict the choice and the voice of the FIDE members and prevent the continuation of the successful leadership and vision of any FIDE president who has earned the trust and respect of the chess community. The FIDE members should have the right to elect their preferred candidate based on their merits and achievements, regardless of how many terms he or she has served before.

We acknowledge that the current FIDE leadership has demonstrated excellence and commitment in its first term (2018-2022). It has improved the governance, transparency, and professionalism of FIDE, increased the financial stability and sponsorship of chess events, promoted the development and popularity of chess worldwide, especially among the youth and women, and supported the chess players' rights and interests. It has also shown great flexibility and innovation in dealing with the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, such as organizing online tournaments and hybrid events.



Our proposal is motivated by more than the current FIDE leadership. It is motivated by our belief that any FIDE president who has proven he or she competence, integrity, and dedication to FIDE and chess should have the opportunity to run for a third term or more if he or she wishes to do so and if the candidate have the support of the qualified majority of the FIDE members. This proposal would ensure that FIDE has a diverse and dynamic leadership that reflects the diversity and dynamism of chess.

Therefore, our Federation proposes the following modification to the FIDE Charter:

Current wording	Proposed wording
"18.12 A person cannot serve as FIDE President for more than two terms of four years. Terms may be consecutive or non-consecutive."	"18.12 A person can serve as FIDE President for over two terms of four years. Terms may be consecutive or non-consecutive. To be elected as FIDE President for a third or more term, the candidate must be elected by at least 75% of the votes present at the General Assembly."

This change would allow any FIDE president who has earned the trust and respect of the chess community to run for a third term or more terms and give the FIDE members the freedom to choose their preferred candidate based on their merits and achievements. This change would also ensure the stability and continuity of FIDE's policies and projects, which are essential for the growth and development of chess.

We hope that you will consider our proposal favorably and add it on the agenda of the next FIDE General Assembly.



Thank you for your attention and consideration. Sincerely,

LUIS EDUARDO QUIROS ROJAS (FIRMA)  
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Esta es una representación gráfica únicamente,  
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LUIS EDUARDO QUIROS ROJAS

Costa Rica Chess Federation President



Federación Costarricense  
de Ajedrez

San Salvador, El Salvador, October 12, 2023

**Dear Secretary of FIDE**

Receive a warm greeting from the Salvadoran Chess Federation - FSA, who is a member of FIDE and a supporter of the principle of meritocracy in the leadership of FIDE.

We would like you to take into account our request to eliminate the article from the FIDE Statutes that prevents the presidential mandate of more than two four-year terms of office.

We believe this article is unfair and unnecessary as it restricts the choice and voice of FIDE members and prevents the continuation of the successful leadership and vision of any FIDE resident who has earned the trust and respect of the community. chess. We believe that FIDE members should have the right to choose their preferred candidate based on their merits and achievements, regardless of how many terms they have served before.

We recognize that the current FIDE management has demonstrated its excellence and commitment in its first mandate, which began in 2018 and will end in 2022. It has improved the management, transparency and professionalism of FIDE, increased financial stability and sponsorship of chess events, he promoted the development and popularity of chess around the world, especially among girls, boys, adolescents and women, he supported the rights and interests of chess players. It has also shown great Flexibility and innovation to face the challenges posed by the COVID-19 crisis. During the pandemic, such as organizing online tournaments and hybrid events.

However, our proposal is not motivated by any personal or political preference but by the excellent direction currently found in FIDE. It is motivated because we believe that any FIDE President who has had and demonstrated his or her competence, integrity and dedication to FIDE and chess should have the opportunity to run for a third term or more, if he or she wishes to do so, and if he or she counts. with the support of the majority of FIDE members. This would ensure that FIDE has a diverse and dynamic leadership that reflects the diversity and dynamism of chess.

Therefore, we propose to eliminate the article from the FIDE Statutes that prevents the presidential term of more than two terms of four years each. This would allow any FIDE president who has earned the trust and respect of the international chess community to run for a third term or more in 2026 or later, and give FIDE members the freedom to choose your preferred candidate based on their merits and achievements. This will also ensure the stability and continuity of FIDE policies and projects, which are essential for the growth and development of chess.

**FEDERACION SALVADOREÑA DE AJEDREZ**

PALACIO DE LOS DEPORTES, SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C.A.

Diagonal Universitaria y Alameda Juan Pablo Segundo, Instituto Nacional de los Deportes

We hope that our request will be taken into consideration in a favorable manner for said proposal and that it will be included in the next section of the FIDE General Assembly.

Without further ado, for the moment and waiting for a favorable resolution, I subscribe to you.

Sincerely,

  
**David Ernesto Blanco Chávez**  
**President.**  
**Salvadoran Chess Federation**



**FEDERACION NACIONAL DE AJEDREZ DE GUATEMALA**

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Guatemala, October 12, 2023

Dear FIDE Secretariat,

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AFILIADA A:



Receive a cordial greeting from the National Federation of Guatemala, who are active members of the International Chess Federation FIDE. For Guatemala, it is important to respect the programs and work plans of the International Federation, which is why as the Executive Committee of our Federation we make the following proposal to the Fide Statutes:

Eliminate the article from the FIDE Statutes that limits the presidential term to two four-year terms.

In our analysis we consider that this article does not allow for the completion of long-term projects, it prevents the continuation of the successful leadership and vision of any FIDE president who has earned the trust and respect of the chess community.

The National Chess Federation of Guatemala is satisfied with the actions and leadership of the International Federation which demonstrates its excellence and commitment. It has improved FIDE's governance, transparency and professionalism, increased financial stability and sponsorship of chess events. , promoted the development and popularity of chess around the world, especially among young people and women, and supported the rights and interests of chess players. It has also demonstrated great flexibility and innovation in addressing the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, such as organizing online tournaments and hybrid events.

We believe that any FIDE President who comes from his competence, integrity and dedication to FIDE and chess should have the opportunity to run for a third term or more, if he so wishes, and if he has the support of the majority of FIDE members. This would ensure that FIDE has a diverse and dynamic leadership that reflects the diversity and dynamism of chess. Therefore, we propose to remove the article from the FIDE Statutes that limits the presidential term to two four-year terms.

Appreciating the support and collaboration with the National Chess Federation of Guatemala,

says goodbye to you very carefully



*Josué Fernando Centes Cifuentes*  
**Josué Fernando Centes Cifuentes**  
 President of the Executive Committee  
 National Chess Federation of Guatemala



*Josué Fernando Centes Cifuentes*  
 Presidente Comité Ejecutivo  
 Federación Nacional de Ajedrez



Royal Jordanian Chess Federation

الإتحاد الملكي الأردني للشطرنج

Ref. No: 2/3/124  
Date: 16 Oct, 2023

Subject: Request for Amendment to FIDE Charter Regarding Presidential Term Limits.

Dear FIDE Council and GA Members,

We wish to bring to your attention a matter of significance concerning the FIDE Charter, specifically Article 18.12, which restricts a person from serving as FIDE President for more than two terms of four years.

We respectfully request the deletion of Article 18.12 from the FIDE Charter, thus eliminating the limitation on the maximum number of presidential terms for one individual. Our stance is rooted in the belief that such a restriction, introduced in 2020, has not proven beneficial to the chess community.

Our proposal also includes allowing the current President the eligibility to run for office again if they choose to do so after the completion of their current term. This flexibility is essential for ensuring that FIDE can continue to benefit from the leadership of individuals who, objectively, may be the best-suited leaders for the organization.

The rationale behind our request is as follows:

**Chess Community Well-being:** We believe that the current term limitation does not serve the best interests of the chess society. It may limit the opportunities for the most qualified candidates to lead FIDE effectively.

**Long-standing Tradition:** FIDE has a rich history of avoiding unnecessary limitations, allowing leaders to draw upon their accumulated experience and networking over an extended period. Removing term limits aligns with this long-standing tradition.

**International Sporting Standards:** Major sports organizations, including the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and FIFA, do not impose such stringent term limits on their leaders. Adhering to international standards can enhance FIDE's standing in the global sports community.

We kindly request your thoughtful consideration of this matter. Deleting Article 18.12 would not only align FIDE with its historical practices but also empower the organization to continue to thrive under the leadership of the most capable individuals.

We look forward to a positive resolution that will strengthen FIDE's position in the chess world.

Best Regards,

Royal Jordanian Chess Federation  
President  
Nawaf Irshadat



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# الاتحاد الليبي للشطرنج

## Libyan Chess Federation



Date 17-10-2023

### Subject: Request for Amendment to FIDE Charter Regarding Presidential Term Limits

Dear FIDE Council and GA Members,

We wish to bring to your attention a matter of significance concerning the FIDE Charter, specifically Article 18.12, which restricts a person from serving as FIDE President for more than two terms of four years.

We respectfully request the deletion of Article 18.12 from the FIDE Charter, thus eliminating the limitation on the maximum number of presidential terms for one individual. Our stance is rooted in the belief that such a restriction, introduced in 2020, has not proven beneficial to the chess community.

Our proposal also includes allowing the current President the eligibility to run for office again if they choose to do so after the completion of their current term. This flexibility is essential for ensuring that FIDE can continue to benefit from the leadership of individuals who, objectively, may be the best-suited leaders for the organization.

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We look forward to a positive resolution that will strengthen FIDE's position in the chess world.

Best Regards,



**Ali Fouzi**  
President and Delegate  
Libya Chess federation

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## FEDERACIÓN NACIONAL DE AJEDREZ DE MEXICO, A. C.

Fide Secretariat

I hereby transmit to you the following document for your attention and consideration.

Goal:

Cancel the limit of the maximum 2 Presidential terms for one person thus also providing eligibility of the current President if he would decide to run for the office in 2.5 years' time.

Proposal:

Delete the following Article of the FIDE Charter:

“18.12 A person cannot serve as FIDE President for more than two terms of four years. Terms may be consecutive or non-consecutive.”

Justification:

The current limitation of no more than 2 periods for the Presidential term was introduced in 2018, but currently does not prove to be beneficial to the chess society while would limit the chance of a person to run for the position even if he/she objectively is the best possible leader of FIDE. The long-standing tradition of FIDE is not to make any limitations while using the networking and experience accumulated over a longer period of time. Furthermore, other major sports organizations, including IOC and FIFA, do not limit their Presidential term to 8 years.

Why now:

The 2023 GA is an appropriate moment to reverse/make the respective amendments to the Charter while this is the least politicized period in between elections, and there are no direct beneficiaries from adoption of the change in regulations.

Preventive measures:

Such amendment would not affect the level of democracy in organization while the Charter provides for new, fair election regulations that prevent candidates from using the administrative resource in their Favour. Also, the history of FIDE has proved the fact that there are no practical obstacles for a new candidate to succeed in elections and overcome the incumbent president by demonstrating their program, experience, and perspective.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mario A. Ramírez Barajas', written in a cursive style.

"Honor and sportsmanship"

Dr. Mario A. Ramírez Barajas

President FENAMAC


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La Confederación Centroamericana de Ajedrez (CCA)

La Federación Iberoamericana de Ajedrez (FIBDA)

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Dr. Mario Ramírez Barajas  
Vicepresidente de la FIDE

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6 October, 2023

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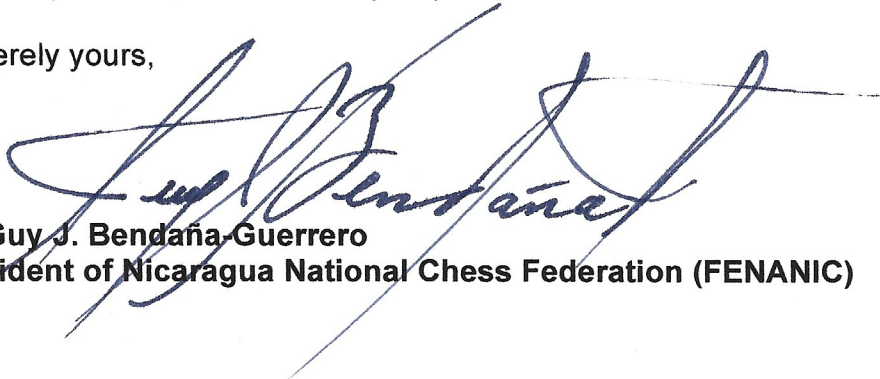
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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Guy Bendaña', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the signature.

**Dr. Guy J. Bendaña Guerrero**  
**President of Nicaragua National Chess Federation (FENANIC)**



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التاريخ: ٠٢ ربيع الثاني، ١٤٤٥

الموافق: الإثنين، ١٦ تشرين الأول، ٢٠٢٣

**Dear FIDE Council and GA Members****Subject: Request for Amendment to FIDE Charter Regarding Presidential Term Limits**

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Our proposal also includes allowing the current President the eligibility to run for office again if they choose to do so after the completion of their current term. This flexibility is essential for ensuring that FIDE can continue to benefit from the leadership of individuals who, objectively, may be the best-suited leaders for the organization

The rationale behind our request is as follows

**Chess Community Well-being:** We believe that the current term limitation does not serve the best interests of the chess society. It may limit the opportunities for the most qualified candidates to lead FIDE effectively

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**Palestine chess federation****الاتحاد الفلسطيني للشطرنج**

الرقم: ت.خ./

التاريخ: ٠٢ ربيع الثاني، ١٤٤٥

الموافق: الإثنين، ١٦ تشرين الأول، ٢٠٢٣

We kindly request your thoughtful consideration of this matter. Deleting Article 18.12 would not only align FIDE with its historical practices but also empower the organization to .continue to thrive under the leadership of the most capable individuals

**We look forward to a positive resolution that will strengthen FIDE's position in the chess world.**

,Best Regards

**Palestinian chess federation**  
General secretary Bahaa maswadeh





## FEDERACION PARAGUAYA DE AJEDREZ

Personería Jurídica reconocida por Decreto N° 14.266, de fecha  
25 de octubre de 1952

Afiliada a la FIDE - Afiliada al Comité Olímpico Paraguayo  
(COP)

Miembro fundador de la Federación Iberoamericana de Ajedrez

Asunción, Paraguay, October 16, 2023.

GENTLEMEN  
FIDE GENERAL SECRETARIAT  
DEAR SIRES:

Along with greeting you, it is our intention to request the inclusion of a bylaw amendment in the next General Assembly to be held on December 17, 2023.

The proposed amendment is the elimination of Article 18.2 of the FIDE CHARTER that prohibits the continuity of the same president for more than two terms:

**18.12 A Person cannot serve as FIDE President for more two terms of four years. Terms may be consecutive or non-consecutive.**

We understand that this prohibition is pernicious to the interests of the chess world, as it deprives us of continuing long-term plans, and also takes away the possibility of counting on the work and effort of people who, if they are already at the forefront of the chess movement for two periods, it is because their work is sufficiently proven.

In addition, if necessary, if the Assembly, which is wise and sovereign in its decision, decides that the continuity of the person in question is not desirable, then it will not vote for him and will simply opt for another candidate.

In other words, the letter of the current Statute is only depriving us of a right and is not giving us any guarantees. Therefore, we strongly believe that it should be modified for the sake of world chess.

We specifically move the inclusion of this statutory amendment in the agenda of the next General Assembly.

Best regards

**Dr. Andrés Riquelme**  
Delegate to FIDE  
PARAGUAYAN CHESS FEDERATION



# FEDERACIÓN DEPORTIVA PERUANA DE AJEDREZ

FUNDADA EL 18 DE SETIEMBRE DE 1941

MIEMBRO DEL INSTITUTO PERUANO DEL DEPORTE

AFILIADA A LA FEDERACIÓN INTERNACIONAL DE AJEDREZ (FIDE)



Lima, 12 de octubre del 2023

**CARTA N° 0105- FDPA- 2023**

**Estimada Secretaría de la FIDE**

Presente

De nuestra consideración:

Es grato dirigirnos a Ud., y hacerle llegar un cordial saludo a nombre de la Federación Deportiva Peruana de Ajedrez, actualmente con Resolución de Presidencia de Consejo Directivo N.º 094-2021-IPD-P/CD de fecha 29 de diciembre del 2021 y recientemente inscritos en el RENADE con Resolución Directoral N° 104-2022 – IPD – DNCTD/SRND de fecha 21 de marzo de 2022.

La presente es para solicitar que se suprima el artículo de los Estatutos de la FIDE que limita el mandato presidencial a dos mandatos de cuatro años consecutivos ya que limita la buena gestión.

Reiteramos nuestro apoyo a la actual directiva de la FIDE quien desde el año 2018 viene demostrando la buena gobernanza en favor del deporte a nivel internacional, se adecuó a la globalización y se adaptó a los nuevos cambios provenientes de la pandemia del COVID – 19.

En esta solicitud se propone que a partir del momento, se realice los cambios y que cualquier presidente que demuestre la capacidad de gestión, la responsabilidad y el compromiso, pueda continuar con su mandato sin restricciones bajo una libre elección democrática.

Agradecemos desde ya su atención y la consideración a lo indicado, haciendo propicia la oportunidad para expresarle los sentimientos de nuestra estima personal.

Atentamente,


  
 Jaime Alfredo Ortega Choque  
 DNI: 00492286  
 PRESIDENTE - FDPA



**PERUVIAN CHESS SPORTS FEDERATION**  
 FOUNDED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1941  
 MEMBER OF THE PERUVIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORTS  
 AFFILIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CHESS FEDERATION (FIDE)



Lima, October 12, 2023

**LETTER N° 0105- FDPA- 2023**

**Dear FIDE Secretariat**

Present

Of our consideration:

It is a pleasure to address you, and send you a cordial greeting on behalf of the Peruvian Chess Sports Federation, currently with Resolution of the Presidency of the Board of Directors No. 094-2021-IPD-P/CD dated December 29, 2021 and recently registered in RENADE with Directorial Resolution No. 104-2022 – IPD – DNCTD/SRND dated March 21, 2022.

This is to request that the article from the FIDE Statutes that limits the presidential mandate to two consecutive four-year terms be deleted as it limits good management.

We reiterate our support for the current FIDE board, who since 2018 has been demonstrating good governance in favor of sport at an international level, adapted to globalization and adapted to the new changes coming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

This request proposes that from now on, the changes be made and that any president who demonstrates management capacity, responsibility and commitment can continue his mandate without restrictions under a free democratic election.

We thank you in advance for your attention and consideration of what has been indicated, giving you the opportunity to express the feelings of our personal esteem.

Sincerely,

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**PUERTO RICO CHESS FEDERATION**  
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OCTOBER 12, 2023

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**Dear FIDE Secretary,**

We are writing to you on behalf of the Puerto Rico Chess Federation - FAPR, a member of FIDE and a supporter of the principle of meritocracy in FIDE leadership. I am writing to formally propose an amendment to the FIDE Charter, specifically, the deletion of article which currently limits the presidential term to two terms of four years. I believe that this change is in the best interest of FIDE, its members, and the global chess community.

We believe that this article is unjust and unnecessary, as it restricts the choice and the voice of the FIDE members and prevents the continuation of the successful leadership and vision of any FIDE president who has earned the trust and respect of the chess community. We think that the FIDE members should have the right to elect their preferred candidate based on their merits and achievements, regardless of how many terms they have served before.

We acknowledge that the current FIDE leadership has demonstrated its excellence and commitment in its first term, which started in 2018 and will end in 2022. It has improved the governance, transparency, and professionalism of FIDE, increased the financial stability and sponsorship of chess events, promoted the development and popularity of chess around the world, especially among the youth and women, and supported the chess players' rights and interests. It has also shown great flexibility and innovation in dealing with the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, such as organizing online tournaments and hybrid events.

However, our proposal is not motivated by any personal or political preference for the current FIDE leadership. It is motivated by our belief that any FIDE president who has proven his or her competence, integrity, and dedication to FIDE and chess

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should have the opportunity to run for a third term or more, if he or she wishes to do so, and if he or she has the support of the majority of the FIDE members. This would ensure that FIDE has a diverse and dynamic leadership that reflects the diversity and dynamism of chess.

Therefore, we propose to delete the article of the FIDE Charter that limits the presidential term to two terms of four years. This would allow any FIDE president who has earned the trust and respect of the chess community to run for a third term or more in 2026 or later and give the FIDE members the freedom to choose their preferred candidate based on their merits and achievements. This would also ensure the stability and continuity of FIDE's policies and projects, which are essential for the growth and development of chess.

We hope that you will consider our proposal favorably and put it on the agenda of the next FIDE General Assembly.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

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President



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2023/10/16

Dear FIDE Council and GA Members

**Subject:** Request for Amendment to FIDE Charter Regarding Presidential Term Limits

We wish to bring to your attention a matter of significance concerning the FIDE Charter, specifically Article 18.12, which restricts a person from serving as FIDE President for more .than two terms of four years

We respectfully request the deletion of Article 18.12 from the FIDE Charter, thus eliminating the limitation on the maximum number of presidential terms for one individual. Our stance is rooted in the belief that such a restriction, introduced in 2020, has not proven beneficial to .the chess community

Our proposal also includes allowing the current President the eligibility to run for office again if they choose to do so after the completion of their current term. This flexibility is essential for ensuring that FIDE can continue to benefit from the leadership of individuals who, .objectively, may be the best-suited leaders for the organization

:The rationale behind our request is as follows

Chess Community Well-being: We believe that the current term limitation does not serve the best interests of the chess society. It may limit the opportunities for the most qualified .candidate to lead FIDE effectively



Long-standing Tradition: FIDE has a rich history of avoiding unnecessary limitations, allowing leaders to draw upon their accumulated experience and networking over an extended period. Removing term limits aligns with this long-standing tradition

International Sporting Standards: Major sports organizations, including the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and FIFA, do not impose such stringent term limits on their leaders. Adhering to international standards can enhance FIDE's standing in the global sports community

We kindly request your thoughtful consideration of this matter. Deleting Article 18.12 would not only align FIDE with its historical practices but also empower the organization to continue to thrive under the leadership of the most capable individuals

We look forward to a positive resolution that will strengthen FIDE's position in the chess world

Best Regards

Omer Deab

,President Of SCF



**Syrian Arab Republic**  
**General Sport Federation**  
**Syrian Arab Chess Federation**



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**Best Regards,**

**Syrian Chess Federation President**

**Ali Abbas**





FEDERACIÓN  
URUGUAYA  
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Montevideo, October 13, 2023

To FIDE Secretariat

Subject: Proposal to be consider in the General Assembly December 17, 2023

The Uruguayan Chess Federation, affiliated with FIDE, in response to the next General Assembly of this organization, submits the following proposal for its consideration:

Modify the Charter that governs us, eliminating article

**18.12 A person cannot serve as FIDE President for more than two terms of four years. Terms may be consecutive or non-consecutive.**

We base this proposal on the understanding that it is a mistake to limit the possibility of election of any person who meets the requirements to preside over FIDE, for having served it.

There are a series of requirements in the Charter and in the electoral regulations that ensure that the member Federations are certain that the applicants are suitable for the position and, if so, it is not necessary to limit it in time.

Other organizations of similar importance to FIDE, in world sport, rule out this limitation.

We request that you acknowledge receipt of the proposal and consider it presented in a timely manner.

Eng. Carlos Milans  
President

Cr Enrique Celi  
Secretary  
Fide Delegate





NO: R 180 DATE: 16-10-2023

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Best Regards,

**Dr: Sabri Abdul Mawla Sallam**

**President of Yemen Chess Federation**





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27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear FIDE General Assembly Delegates

**REF: Proposal to FIDE GA to Review FIDE Presidential Term Limit**

Chess Kenya would like to join the rest of the world in endorsing the proposal to remove term limit for FIDE President as per article 18.12 of the FIDE Charter.

This will make possible for FIDE to retain a performing President in future. This will also make it possible to give a president that is affected by unforeseen global challenge that interrupts his/her term in future such as seen during COVID-19 where two years were lost due to lock down/restricted travels. We believe FIDE GA is competent to elect a leader of their choice every four years and retains its power to re-elect FIDE President based on previous performance.

Chess Kenya Federation therefore recommends to FIDE General assembly 2023 to delete article 18.12 “18.12 A person cannot serve as FIDE President for more than two terms of four years. Term may be consecutive or non-consecutive”

Your faithfully

**Benard Wanjala**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**CHESS KENYA FEDERATION**