

CHESS FEDERATION OF LESOTHO



The President
FIDE
Lausanne, Switzerland

Dear sir

Re; Proposal for amendment of the FIDE Charter

Article 17.6 of the FIDE Charter states:

"Presidents and delegates may only represent one Member Federation at a time and must, on the date of the meeting of the General Assembly, have either: - a citizenship or at least two years' residency of the country or territory they represent, or - at least one year experience as an office holder of this Member Federation. They must also be elected or appointed by the appropriate body of that Member Federation."

The Lesotho Chess Federation proposes to change this to:

"17.6 Presidents and delegates may only represent the Federation for which they are registered, and must, on the date of the meeting of the General Assembly, have either: - a citizenship or at least two years' residency of the country or territory they represent. They must also be elected or appointed by the appropriate body of that Member Federation."

Explanation of why this amendment to the FIDE Charter is necessary:

This proposal removes the backdoor whereby foreign actors, with little or no connection to a federation, may infiltrate and hijack the vote. It also brings the Charter into alignment with the following article.

"16.6 Representation or voting by proxy is never allowed for any FIDE organ."

I hope the upcoming FIDE General Assembly finds the above in order and it gets approved.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tseliso', followed by a horizontal line.

Tseliso Motloheloa

President- Chess Federation of Lesotho

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