

Saharawi Chess Federation
The 5th General Assembly
Minutes of the election process

In the presence of more than 240 athletes and chess managers, the fifth general assembly was held on 22th of August 2021 in the municipality of Bir Lahlou, Western Sahara.

After two days of discussions, amendments to the internal regulations of the Federation and the formulation of the four-year work program, the members of the Executive Council and the President of the Federation were renewed through an electoral process, which produced its results at 7:30 in the evening of 24th of August 2021.


The results of the election were as follows:


- **President of the Saharawi Chess Federation:** Mr. Salem Mohamed
- **Vice –President:** Mr. Abdallahi EL-Kauri
- **Members of the Executive Council:** Ms. Nanna ABdallahi Mussa, Mr.Abd-Elwahab Haiba, Mr. Maulud Boujema, Mr. Sid Ahmed Andalla Hamoudi.


This minute is testified and approved by The Election Committee The 5th General Assembly consisted of:


President of the committee: Mohamed Bugleida, Sport Director 

Members:

Khatri Sidi, Central Director of Sports 

Huassen Saad-Bouh, Legal Counsel 

Ennah Hasan, Chess Arbiter 

Wardda Hamoudi, President of the Chess Federation of Workers 

MINUTES OF THE AFRICAN CHESS CONGRESS

VENUE: SOUSSE, TUNISIA

DATE: 21.01.2018

MINUTE	
ACC/2018-01	<p>Present:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lewis Ncube ACC President 2. Hesham Elgendy - ACC Vice President 3. Noel Fumey - General Secretary 4. Viang Nguele Michel - Zone 4.4 President 5. Kezzie Msukwa - Zone 4.3 President 6. Sammy Zerdali - Zone 4.1 President 7. Ericho Nshikokola - President Zambia 8. Vianney Luggya - Zone 4.2 President 9. Brahim Djelloul, Azzedine - Algeria 10. Martins Tito - Angola 11. Thabano Mothokomedi - Botswana 12. Elmi Boulaleh Mohamed - Djibouti 13. Hussein Seifu - Ethiopia 14. Nakapunda Otto - Namibia 15. Battikh Tahar - Tunisia 16. Wanjala Benard - Kenya 17. Simbarashe Murimi - Zimbabwe 18. Bhowany Hurreynarain - Mauritius 19. Cisse Ibrahima - Senegal 20. Ouedraogo Arnaud - Burkina Faso 21. Botao Milton - Mozambique 22. Mahomole Joe - South Africa 23. Hassan Ahmed Adhi - Somalia 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30.
ACC/2018-02	<p>Obituaries</p> <p>A minute silence was observed in remembrance of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Eldo Smart who died while serving as president of Chess South Africa 2. Cde. Kuwaza who died while serving as president of Zimbabwe Chess Federation 3. Mrs. Selma Simango former president of Mozambique Chess Federation
ACC/2018-03	<p>Minutes of previous meetings</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting held in Baku were adopted after being proposed for adoption by Malawi and seconded by Kenya.</p>

ACC/2018-04	<p>Welcome Remarks by Host President of Tunisia Chess Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Tunisian Chess Federation President welcomed all delegates and asked them to feel at home. Further advised all delegates to visit some parts of Sousse. b. Bid to Host 2022 Olympiad: The President informed delegates to the ACC Congress that Tunisia will be bidding to host the 2022 Olympiad and therefore asked all African delegates to support this bid. c. Declaration of Support for Kirsan: The President acknowledged all the good works that Kirsan Ilyumzhinov has demonstrated to Chess in Africa and the world. He therefore implored delegates to consider offering an open declaration of support for Kirsan to run for the office of FIDE President for another term.
ACC/2018-05	<p>Comments and Observations from the Tunisian Chess President's welcome Remarks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Delegates unanimously agreed to support the Tunisian bid for the 2022 Olympiad but implored the Tunisian officials to incorporate experts when formulating the bid so that it is responsive to aspirations of all countries. b. Togo supports Kirsan but cannot support blindly. Togo expressed that there is need to analyse the situation and therefore proposed that Kirsan should be allowed to come into the meeting and address the delegates. c. Algeria congratulated Tunisia for their proposal on the declaration of Support to President Kirsan, but like Togo, Algeria too asked for Kirsan to be invited to address the delegates. d. Delegates agreed to invite President Kirsan to address them after break time.
ACC/2018-06	<p>ACC Presidents Report The President's Report was adopted. Annex</p>
ACC/2018-07	<p>General Secretary's Report The General Secretary's Activities Report was adopted. Annex</p>
ACC/2018-08	<p>Address by Kirsan Ilyumzhinov President Kirsan thanked the delegates for inviting him to speak to the African congress. He narrated the situation in FIDE and the Turkey meeting that illegally attempted to stop him from contesting for the position of FIDE President during the 2018 FIDE Congress. President Kirsan also narrated the situation that led him to delay in fulfilling the pledge he made to African Chess Confederation of USD500,000 and re-affirmed his commitment to the promise despite the tough times he has had. President Kirsan expressed his committed desire to continue helping develop chess as a tool for peace in the world. After his presentation, he was allowed to take leave so that delegates could debate further culminating to a motion being moved.</p>
ACC/2018-09	<p>Motion for support to President Kirsan. A motion proposed by Tunisia to support President Kirsan was moved and unanimously passed to read as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION STATEMENT 21st January 2018, SOUSSE, TUNISIA</p> <p>We, Presidents, delegates, and representatives of African Chess Federations, considering: - The current situation in FIDE; - The prospects of development of African Chess Federations; - The permanent attachment of the dear Kirsan</p>

	<p>Ilyumzhinov to African Chess development; - The process of the African Chess Foundation creation; We solemnly appreciate the will of the dear Kirsan to continue serving as leader of FIDE and we offer him our support. Adopted by the African Continental Assembly unanimously with thirty (30) members present.</p>
ACC/2018-10	<p>Treasurer's Report The General Treasurer's report was adopted. Annexed</p>
ACC/2018-11	<p>Zone President's Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All zone presidents presented their activity reports, and all reports were adopted. • It was recommended that there must be a minimum budget for the Zonal Presidents to operate effectively.
ACC/2018-12	<p>New Applications for Membership to ACC and FIDE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sahrawi Chess Federations application for membership to FIDE was admitted and "No Objection" recommended for acceptance by FIDE Congress. (There was objection from Morocco) As Sahrawi is recognized by the AU, delegates did not find any objectionable reasons not to admit Sahrawi to ACC and to FIDE. 2. Somaliland Chess Federation's application was rejected and a "Reject" recommendation to be passed to FIDE Congress. Somaliland is not recognized by AU.
ACC/2018-13	<p>2018 Calendar The modification of 2018 Calendar of events was agreed and adopted for publishing.</p>
ACC/2018-14	<p>ACC Statutes ACC Statutes were modified to include 2 Vice Presidents on the ACC Board and that one must be of the opposite sex.</p>
ACC/2018-15	<p>Election of African Continental Representative to FIDE Electoral Commission. Mr. Kezzie Msukwa, President of Zone 4.3 and Malawi Chess Federation was unanimously elected African Continent Representative to the FIDE electoral Commission in line with FIDE Handbook chapter 8-ELE2.1</p>



Lewis Ncube
President



Noel Fumey
General Secretary



SADR, March 02, 2022

To the attention of colleagues in the Tunisian Chess Federation

Final list of team of Saharawi Chess Federation in the chess championship to be organized in the State of sister Tunisia.

Greetings of Arabism and Islam, after obtaining the approval to participate in the "ZONAL 4.1" chess tournament to be organized in Tunisia under the African flag, we would like to send you a list of team of participants in this event.

Final list

Ref.	Full name	Passport number
01	Abdalahe Ammaien Kori	
02	Bachru Mohaeed Mohaame Lehbib	

Accept our highest consideration and respect

Signature of General Secretary
of the Ministry of Youth and Sport





Statute of the federation

Chapter One/General Provisions

Article 1/ - The Sahrawi Chess Federation is a national federation of public utility responsible for managing, directing and supervising the sport of Sahrawi chess, recognized by the administration of the Western Sahara region in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the field of sport.

Article 2/ - The Sahrawi Chess Federation undertakes the following tasks:

- 1 - Organizing, developing and promoting the sport of chess among Sahrawis who love this sport.
- 2 - Preparing and managing teams representing the Sahrawi people in international competitions.
- 3 - Psychological accompaniment for athletes practicing this sport.
- 4 - Contributing to promoting morals and sportsmanship in Western Sahara.
- 5 - Managing and evaluating the competition system in this sport.
- 6 - Prevention and combating doping in accordance with applicable laws.
- 7 - Prevention and combating violence and social ills.
- 8 - Exercising disciplinary authority over sports clubs affiliated with the federation.
- 9 - Appointing members representing the Sahrawi people in international bodies.
- 10 - Membership in international, regional and regional bodies.

Chapter Two/ Federal Structure

Article 3/ - The Sahrawi Chess Federation consists of the following bodies:

- 1 - General Assembly.

2- The President.

3 - Executive Office.

4 - Specialized committees

First Section/General Assembly:

Article 4/ - The General Assembly consists of representatives of sports clubs in the Sahara region of Gharbia.

Article 5/ - The General Assembly carries out the following tasks:

1 - Approval of the basic law and internal regulations of the Sahrawi Chess Federation.

2 - Election of the President of the Federation.

3 - Election of the members of the Executive Office upon the recommendation of the President of the Federation.

4 - Approval of the literary and financial reports by a majority.

5 - Approving the draft annual programs of the Federation.

6 - Approval of the Federation's disciplinary rules.

7 - Work to establish centers for training young talents in sports clubs at the level of the Western Sahara region.

Article 6/ - The General Assembly meets in a regular session every year, and the session's agenda is proposed by the President.

The General Assembly meets in an extraordinary session at the request of the President of the Federation, or at the request of half the members of the General Assembly, or at the request of two-thirds of the members of the Executive Office.

Article 7/ - The General Assembly holds its sessions in the presence of the majority of its members. In the event that a quorum is not available, the session is held on the following day, regardless of the number of members present.

Article 8/ - The General Assembly's deliberations are approved by a majority, and in the event of a tie, the President's vote is considered casting.

Second Section/President:

Article 9/ - The President of the Federation is elected by the General Assembly for a period of four years, subject to renewal, for one term only.

Article 10/ - The President of the Federation shall carry out the following tasks:

1 - Representing the Federation before national and international sports bodies, or appointing someone on its behalf.

- 2 - Distributing tasks to members of the Executive Office.
- 3 - Ensuring the implementation of decisions issued by federal bodies.
- 4 - Supervising and coordinating the activities of federal bodies.
- 5 - Presiding over the meetings of the Executive Office and the General Assembly.
- 6 - Sending periodic federal work reports to the administration of the Western Sahara Territory.

Article 11/ - In the event of a vacancy in the position of President of the Federation, the Executive Office of the Federation must meet within a period of fifteen days following in order to verify the vacancy and appoint an acting President from among the members of the Executive Office.

The Acting President shall, within sixty days following his inauguration, summon the General Assembly in an extraordinary session to elect a new President of the Federation.

Third Section/Executive Office:

Article 12/ - The Executive Office consists of five to eleven members elected by the General Assembly on the proposal of the President of the Federation.

The Executive Office is responsible to the President of the Federation in performing its work.

Article 13/ - The Executive Office shall carry out the following tasks:

- 1 - Ensuring the administrative and technical management of the federation.
- 2 - Preparing draft annual programs for the Federation.
- 3 - Preparing the draft internal regulations and proposing amendments to it.
- 4 - Preparing the annual calendar of sporting events and competitions, in addition to the training and training programme.
- 5 - Ensuring respect for sports ethics within clubs approved by the Federation.
- 6 - Deciding on requests to participate in Federation activities.

Article 14/ - The Executive Office meets at least once every three months, under the chairmanship of the President of the Federation. The Executive Office's deliberations are approved by a majority, and in the event of a tie, the President's vote is considered casting.

Chapter Three/ Final Provisions:

Article 15/ - The Constituent Assembly consists of Sahrawi community groups and chess players at the level of each state, in addition to the liberated and occupied regions.

Article 16/ - The Western Sahara Regional Administration can provide material and moral assistance to the Sahrawi Chess Federation, as it is a sports federation of public benefit.

Article 17/ -The provisions relating to the specialized committees are organized and detailed in the internal regulations of the Federation.

Article 18/ - Provisions related to discipline and discipline shall be regulated in the internal regulations of the Federation.

Article 19/ - The General Assembly is the highest body of the federation and is authorized to ratify the basic law of the federation after it is presented for discussion or amendment.



2017 AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION CONGRESS

INVITATION

1. INVITATION: Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation (ACC), the Tunisian Chess Federation (TCF) has the honour to invite the African Chess Confederation Board Members, Presidents and Delegates of African National Chess Federations to participate in the African Chess Confederation Congress, which will be held aboard the Tunisia Ferries Liner during the cruise from December 28th, 2017 (Arrival) to January 2nd, 2018 (Departure).

The cruise will commence in Tunis, move to Palermo in Italy then to Valletta in Malta before finally returning to Tunis for the concluding stage.

2. VENUE: All meetings will be held in the meeting rooms during the cruise aboard the Tunisian Ferries Liner.



3. REGISTRATION: Federation Presidents, Delegates and ACC Board Members to register by December 7th. 2017 to the following e mail: tunchess.fed@gmail.com with a copy to the General Secretary of the African Chess Confederation on email: informaplus@yahoo.fr

For any inquiries, please contact the following officials:

ACC General Secretary: Mobile: + 228 90130628 E-Mail: informaplus@yahoo.fr

TCF General Secretary: Mobile: + 216 54187372 E-Mail: tunchess.fed@gmail.com



4. **BOOKINGS:** Confirmed bookings for the ACC Congress must be made by the registration deadline of December 7th, 2017.
5. **VISAS:** Participants requiring visas are requested to contact the Tunisian Chess Federation before December 7th, 2017 and apply on time to the respective Tunisian embassies.

The Tunisian Chess Federation will provide the required invitation. Some participants may qualify to be provided with visas upon arrival in Tunisia.

It is the responsibility of the participants to verify the appropriate visa acquisition procedure.

As the Congress participants will also be on sightseeing visits to Palermo in Italy and Valletta in Malta during stopovers, as part of the cruise, they are also required to apply for a Schengen visas.

6. **ACCOMMODATION:** The Tunisia Chess Federation will provide participants with free accommodation aboard the Tunisia Ferry Liner as well as during the stopover in Palermo.



7. AIR TICKET CONCESSION: The organisers have negotiated discounted rates for intending Congress participants. The concessions will be applicable to those participants that will travel all or part of their journey to Tunis on the Tunisian national carrier, Tunisair.

Participants should advise the organisers of their travel arrangements by the deadline of December 7, 2017 for the negotiation of the applicable air ticket discount rate.

8. CONGRESS SCHEDULE: The schedule of the Congress is as follows:

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
December 28, 2017	All Day	Arrival of Congress participants
December 29, 2017	10.00 hrs to 13.00 hrs 15.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs	Consultative Meetings Zonal Meetings
December 30, 2017	10.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs	African Chess Confederation Continental Assembly
December 31, 2017	All Day	Palermo Sightseeing Day trip
January 1, 2018	All Day	Executive Blitz Chess Tournament
January 2, 2018	All Day	Departure

On behalf of the African Chess Confederation and the Tunisian Chess Federation, we look forward to welcoming you to the 2017 Congress.



Lewis Ncube

President, African Chess Confederation



Tahar Battikh

President, Tunisian Chess Federation

2017 AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION CONGRESS

Registration Form

Federation	
Contact Person	
Designation	
Email	
Telephone	

CONGRESS PARTICIPANT DETAILS

SURNAME	NAME	FIDE ID	DESIGNATION

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE DETAILS

TUNIS ARRIVAL DATE	TUNIS ARRIVAL TIME	ARRIVAL FLIGHT NUMBER	TUNIS DEPARTURE DATE	TUNIS DEPARTURE TIME	DEPARTURE FLIGHT NUMBER

Scanned copy to be emailed to:

Tunisian Chess Federation General Secretary

Email: tunchess.fed@gmail.com

Copy to African Chess Confederation General Secretary

Email: informaplus@yahoo.fr

November 17, 2017

To: ALL MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION

Re: NOTICE OF 2017 ACC CONTINENTAL ASSEMBLY

Pursuant to Article 6.13 of the Statutes of the African Chess Confederation, notice is hereby given that the 2017 Continental Assembly of the African Chess Confederation (ACC) will be held on the Tunisian Ferry in Tunisia from December 30, 2017 from 10.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs.

AGENDA

- i. ACC President's welcome and opening remarks
- ii. Roll call
- iii. Verification of proxies
- iv. ACC President's Report
- v. ACC General Secretary's Report
- vi. ACC Treasurer's Report
- vii. Presentation of 2018 Budget
- viii. Zonal Presidents' Reports
- ix. Presentation of 2018 ACC Tournament Calendar
- x. Progress Report on African Chess in Schools Initiatives
- xi. Proposed Modification of Statutes
- xii. Saharawi Chess Federation FIDE and ACC Membership Application Report
- xiii. Somaliland Chess Federation FIDE and ACC Membership Application Report
- xiv. Election of African Continent Representative to FIDE Electoral Commission
- xv. Closing Remarks

Yours Sincerely,
AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION



Lewis Ncube
PRESIDENT



**Popular Front for the Liberation of Saguia el-Hamra and Río de Oro
POLISARIO**

Ref: 05/0917

Bir-lehlu, 13 September, 2017.

Accreditation certificate for the Saharawi Chess Federation

Based on the laws and regulations that determine powers of sports federations, the Department of Sports of the Polisario Front accredit the Sahrawi Chess Federation as the Federation that works in this field, in all territories which are under the authority of Polisario front, and at the same time is concerned with developing of this sport and organizing national competitions and foreign participations as well.

**Mr. Salama Mohamed Yusef
Secretary General
IN CHARGE OF SPORTS DEPARTMENT**



December 1, 2017

Mrs. Hasina Salma Mohammed
President
Sahrawi Chess Federation
C/o The Algerian Chess Federation
Algiers
ALGERIA

Dear Madam,

Re: INVITATION 2017 AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION CONGRESS

Reference is made to your letter dated September 25, 2017 in which you advised my office of the formation of the Sahrawi Chess Federation.

On behalf of the Board of the African Chess Confederation I wish to congratulate the Sahrawi chess community for this historic development.

The Board of the African Chess Confederation deliberated on your application at the last Board Meeting and decided to refer your application to the Continental Assembly of the African Chess Confederation.

In this regard, on behalf of the Board of the African Chess Confederation, I am pleased to invite you to the 2017 African Chess Confederation Congress to be held in Tunis, Tunisia from December 28, 2017 (arrival) to January 2, 2018 (departure).

Whilst the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic is not yet a member of the United Nations (UN) or the International Olympic Committee (IOC), there is provision within the statutes of both the African Chess Confederation (ACC) and the World Chess Federation (FIDE) for the Sahrawi Chess Federation to become an active member of both organisations.

You will be afforded an opportunity to address the Continental Assembly and I look forward to the African Chess Confederation giving your application the due consideration it deserves.

Should the Continental Assembly accept your application, you will receive full support for your

subsequent admission to the global chess family under the World Chess Federation (FIDE).

I look forward to your acceptance of this invitation and your presence in Tunis.

I attach here with the notification of the Congress as well as the agenda of the 2017 Continental Assembly, which will be a major event of our Congress.

Yours Sincerely,

AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'L. Ncube', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Lewis Ncube
PRESIDENT

Cc: General Secretary, African Chess Confederation

Federación Saharaui de Ajedrez



الإتحادية الصحراوية للشطرنج

Mr. Lewis Ncube

Bir Lehlou, January 10th, 2021

President of the African Chess Confederation

Mr. President,

It is a great pleasure to inform you that despite the difficulties, the Sahrawi Chess Federation will participate for the first time in the 2021 African Online Individual Chess Championship, that will be held from 25th to 29th January 2021.

The Sahrawi Chess Federation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the African Chess Confederation its highest considerations.

Hassina Salma



Mrs. Hassina Salma Mohammed.

President of the Sahrawi chess Federation

Federación Saharai de Ajedrez



الإتحادية الصحراوية للشطرنج

Dicember 2nd, 2018

Dear Mr. President of the World Chess Federation (FIDE),

We would like to let your Excellency know that we are going to organize several activities targeting the education aspect of our noble game, especially, children in Primary and Secondary level in the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR), in accordance with your programme aiming at encouraging this kind of initiatives to reach out the community.

We kindly request your assistance in implementing our above-mentioned activities.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Sincerely yours.



Mrs. Hasina Salma Mohammed.

President of the Sahrawi chess Federation

8. *Urges* the administering Power, with the co-operation of the freely elected authorities and representatives of the people of American Samoa, to safeguard the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to the enjoyment of their natural resources by taking effective measures which guarantee the right of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;

9. *Urges* the administering Power to continue to foster close relations and co-operation between the people of the Territory and the neighbouring island communities;

10. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to American Samoa, including the dispatch of a visiting mission to the Territory in consultation with the administering Power, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*75th plenary meeting
21 November 1979*

34/36. Question of the United States Virgin Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the United States Virgin Islands,

Having examined the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,¹⁷

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to the United States Virgin Islands, and reaffirming the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration,

Noting the active co-operation given by the administering Power, both through its participation in the work of the Special Committee and through its willingness to receive visiting missions to small Territories under its administration,

Having heard the statement of the administering Power,¹⁸

1. *Approves* the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the United States Virgin Islands;¹⁹

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of the United States Virgin Islands to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

3. *Reaffirms* its conviction that questions of territorial size, geographical location and limited resources should in no way delay the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the Territory;

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, chaps. IV; VI, annex III; and XXVI.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-fourth Session, Fourth Committee*, 22nd meeting, paras. 17-21.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/34/23/Rev.1)*, chap. XXVI.

4. *Requests* the Government of the United States of America, as the administering Power, to continue to take all necessary measures, in consultation with the freely elected authorities and representatives of the people of the United States Virgin Islands, to enable the people of the Territory to exercise fully their right to self-determination in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration;

5. *Requests* the administering Power to encourage further and meaningful discussion regarding the political and constitutional status of the Territory and to take such additional measures as would ensure preservation of the identity and cultural heritage of the people of the United States Virgin Islands;

6. *Urges* the administering Power, in consultation with the freely elected authorities and representatives of the people of the United States Virgin Islands, to safeguard the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to the enjoyment of their natural resources by taking effective measures which guarantee the right of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;

7. *Expresses the view* that measures to promote the economic development of the United States Virgin Islands are an important element in the process of self-determination and, to this end, calls upon the administering Power, together with the freely elected authorities and representatives of the people of the Territory, to take all measures necessary to achieve a viable and stable economy in the Territory;

8. *Requests* the administering Power to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in the development and strengthening of the economy of the United States Virgin Islands;

9. *Expresses the view* that the presence of a United States naval facility in the Territory should not impede the progress of the people towards self-determination;

10. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue the examination of this question at its next session, including the possible dispatch of a further visiting mission to the United States Virgin Islands at an appropriate time and in consultation with the administering Power, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

*75th plenary meeting
21 November 1979*

34/37. Question of Western Sahara

The General Assembly,

Having considered in depth the question of Western Sahara,

Recalling the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination and independence in accordance with the principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Having considered the relevant chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,²⁰

²⁰ *Ibid.*, chap. X.

Having heard the statements made on the subject of Western Sahara, including the statement of the representative of the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro,²¹

Bearing in mind the profound concern of the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and the non-aligned countries regarding the decolonization of Western Sahara and the right of the people of that Territory to self-determination,

Recalling its resolution 33/27 of 1 December 1978 on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

Taking note of the decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its sixteenth ordinary session, held at Monrovia from 17 to 20 July 1979,²² by which the Assembly adopted the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Organization of African Unity on the question of Western Sahara,

Also taking note of the peace agreement concluded at Algiers on 10 August 1979 between Mauritania and the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro²³ and the decision of Mauritania to withdraw its forces from Western Sahara,²⁴

Aware of the profound concern of the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and the non-aligned countries at the aggravation of the situation prevailing in Western Sahara because of the continuation and extension of the occupation of that Territory,

Recalling the part of the Political Declaration adopted by the Sixth Conference of Heads of States or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Havana from 3 to 9 September 1979, relating to Western Sahara,²⁵

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Western Sahara to self-determination and independence, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the charter of the Organization of African Unity and the objectives of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), and the legitimacy of their struggle to secure the enjoyment of that right, as envisaged in the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity;

2. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the decision concerning Western Sahara taken by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its sixteenth ordinary session;²²

3. *Also takes note with satisfaction* of the part of the Political Declaration adopted by the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries relating to Western Sahara;

4. *Welcomes* the peace agreement concluded between Mauritania and the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro and considers that this agreement constitutes an important contribution to the process of achieving peace and a definitive, just and lasting settlement of the question of Western Sahara;

5. *Deeply deplores* the aggravation of the situation resulting from the continued occupation of Western

Sahara by Morocco and the extension of that occupation to the territory recently evacuated by Mauritania;

6. *Urges* Morocco to join in the peace process and to terminate the occupation of the Territory of Western Sahara;

7. *Recommends* to that end that the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro, the representative of the people of Western Sahara, should participate fully in any search for a just, lasting and definitive political solution of the question of Western Sahara, in accordance with the resolutions and declarations of the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and the non-aligned countries;

8. *Requests* the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to consider the situation in Western Sahara as a priority question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

9. *Requests* the Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to keep the Secretary-General of the United Nations informed of the progress achieved with regard to the implementation of the decisions of the Organization of African Unity concerning Western Sahara;

10. *Invites* the Secretary-General to follow closely the situation in Western Sahara and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

75th plenary meeting
21 November 1979

34/38. Question of Belize

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Belize,

Having examined the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,²⁶

Recalling its resolutions 3432 (XXX) of 8 December 1975, 31/50 of 1 December 1976, 32/32 of 28 November 1977 and 33/36 of 13 December 1978,

Having heard the statements of the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland²⁷ and Guatemala,²⁸

Having also heard the statement of the representative of Belize,²⁹

Taking note of the part of the Political Declaration adopted by the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Havana from 3 to 9 September 1979, relating to Belize, in particular the statement that the Conference reiterated its unconditional support for the Belizean people's inalienable right to self-determination, independence and territorial integrity and condemned all pressure or threats to prevent full exercise of that right,³⁰

²¹ *Ibid.*, Thirty-fourth Session, Fourth Committee, 14th meeting, paras. 50-59, and 15th meeting, paras. 3-17; and *ibid.*, Fourth Committee, *Sessional Fascicle*, corrigendum. For the full text, see A/C.4/34/L.4.

²² A/34/552, annex II, decision AHG/Dec.114 (XVI).

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²⁵ See A/34/542, annex, sect. I, paras. 96-98.

²⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/34/23/Rev.1)*, chaps. VI, annex III, and XXIX.

²⁷ *Ibid.*, Thirty-fourth Session, Fourth Committee, 19th meeting, paras. 2-4; and *ibid.*, Fourth Committee, *Sessional Fascicle*, corrigendum.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, 22nd meeting, paras. 68-81; and *ibid.*, Fourth Committee, *Sessional Fascicle*, corrigendum.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, 19th meeting, paras. 6-22.

³⁰ See A/34/542, annex, sect. I, para. 165.



QUESTIONNAIRE

For the FIDE Member Federations

Please send the completed form with attachments to:

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GENERAL INFORMATION	
Country name:	WESTERN SAHARA
Name of the National Federation:	FEDERACION SAHARAI DE AJEDREZ
Preferred English language version of National Federation name:	SAHARWI CHESS FEDERATION
Established:	SEPTEMBER 2017
Joined FIDE:	Click here to fill in text.
The legal status (NGO, state agency, private entity etc.) and registration number of National Federation.	15/2017
Postal address:	Oficina de Federacion Saharai de Ejedrez, Birlellu, Sahara Occidental
Official e-mail address: <small>*registered email address, to be used for all official communications to and from FIDE, that allows to legally track and prove the delivery of your emails and documents, signed electronically.</small>	saharawichess@gmail.com
Phone:	+213664302215
Official website:	Click here to fill in text.
Official social media accounts user names:	Click here to fill in text.
Is your National Federation the member of the National Olympic Committee of your country? If not, please explain the reasons.	Not applicable
Is your National Federation the sole national chess governing body for chess in your country?	YES
Please name your national authority supervising sports/chess:	SAHARAWI MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS/ POLISARIO FRONT SPORTS DEPARTMENT
Does your National Federation maintain full control and governance of chess in your country, including, without limitations, control over your national competitions, excluding unofficial and unrated events?	YES

Do you have dedicated facilities for your National Federation's office ?	YES
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GRAPHICS & TRADEMARKS	
<p><i>Please send us your official logo, flag and anthem or any other official symbols of your National Federation as attachments to the questionnaire. Your logo and flag should be sent as .jpg, .png, .eps or .ai files.</i></p>	
Name and author of the anthem (if available):	Click here to fill in text.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
<p>Please send us a signed copy of your current Statutes, adding a translation into English, if written in a different language and signed minutes of your Federation's last General Assembly as an attachment to the questionnaire.</p>	
When was your National Federation's last General Assembly held?	August 2022
<p>What are the criteria for voting for the members in your National Federation's General Assembly?</p> <p><small>*answer the question only if the Statutes of your National Federation do not give a clear answer.</small></p>	Click here to fill in text.
<p>Who is eligible as member of your National Federation?</p> <p><small>*answer the question only if the Statutes of your National Federation do not give a clear answer.</small></p>	Click here to fill in text.
<p>Define the identity of your National Federation members who represent your national chess community (individuals, clubs, regional associations, etc.).</p> <p><small>*answer the question only if the Statutes of your National Federation do not give a clear answer.</small></p>	Click here to fill in text.
What is the date of your National Federation's next elections ?	September 2024

FEDERATION'S OFFICIALS & STAFF			
Please send us your National Federation Chart as an attachment to the questionnaire.			
Position	Full name	E mail	Phone
President:	Mr. SALEM MOHAMED	saharawichess@gmail.com	+213664302215
FIDE Delegate:	Click here to fill in text.	Click here to fill in text.	Click here to fill in text.
Deputy President:	Click here to fill in text.	Click here to fill in text.	Click here to fill in text.
Vice President:	Mr. Abdallahi El-kauri	Click here to fill in text.	Click here to fill in text.
General Secretary:	Mrs. Hasina Selma	hassinasalma@gmail.com	+34644176208
Rating Officer:	Click here to fill in text.	Click here to fill in text.	Click here to fill in text.
Executive Board members' details (name, email, phone): *Please indicate Representatives for Athletes', Disabled chess players and Women in Chess, if any.	Ms. Nanna Abdellahi Mr. Abdelwahab Haiba Mr. Maulud Boujema Mr. Sid Ahmed Andalla	In charge of education programs	Click here to fill in text.
Describe how the Executive Board members are appointed?	Elected in the general assembly		
Number of paid staff:	0		
Number of voluntary staff:	03		
Does your National Federation have Commissions? If yes, please specify names, responsibilities, and Chairpersons. Please provide Commissions' Chairpersons' details (name, email, phone).	no	Click here to fill in text.	Click here to fill in text.
Other positions, if any (please add the title)	Click here to fill in text.	Click here to fill in text.	Click here to fill in text.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

<i>* If there are any legal restrictions on disclosure of financial information as requested, please justify and provide the data to the extent it is possible.</i>	
Does your National Federation prepare annual financial reports, including balance sheet and income statement? If yes, please send the documents as attachments to the questionnaire.	Our federation has no funding and it depends totally of volunteer contributions from its members and fundraising to cover its activities
Are annual reports reviewed and approved by your National Federation's board and / or General Assembly?	YES
Are annual accounts audited by an independent auditor duly licensed according to the laws of your jurisdiction? If yes, please attach the auditor's opinion to the financial report and send the documents as attachments to the questionnaire.	Not applicable
Does your National Federation prepare annual budgets?	Click here to fill in text.
Are annual budgets reviewed and approved by your National Federation's Board and / or General Assembly?	YES
What are the sources of income for your National Federation? Please state percentage for the below items for the latest financial year: 1) membership fees and fees for services provided by your National Federation (%), 2) income from tournaments organised by your National Federation (%), 3) support from FIDE (%), 4) government funding (%), 5) funding from private sponsors / donors, 6) other sources – please specify (%)	So far we did not have any financial budget and we depend totally on the volunteer contributions of our members
What are the main expenditures of your National Federation? Please state percentage for the below items for the latest financial year: 1) organization of national tournaments (%), 2) organization of international tournaments (%),	Click here to fill in text.

<p>3) support for players and national teams to participate in international events (%), 4) educational programs for trainers, arbiters, organisers, youth (%), 5) administrative expenses including staff salaries (%), 6) other expenses – please specify (%).</p>	
<p>The bank account details of your National Federation.</p>	<p>NOT yet established</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">NATIONAL TEAMS</p>							
<p>Does your National Federation have National Teams? If yes, in which categories?</p>	<p>YES, Men, Women, Juniors boys/girls, Cadet boys/girls and Youth</p>						
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<p>What kind of support do you provide to your national team players? Please provide details (e.g.: Monthly Salary, covering Open tournaments expenses, Training camps, etc.)</p>	<p>We basically provide international participation, training and organizing tournaments</p>						
<p>Does your National Federation provide any Insurance/social benefits for your national team players?</p>	<p>NO</p>						

PLAYERS																									
<p>Is there an individual player registration in your National Federation?</p> <p>If yes, what is the total number of registered male players/female players/boys U18/girls U18?</p>	<p>YES, so far, we have 41 registered players 15 men 10 women,9 boys U18 and 7 girls U18</p>																								
<p>Does your National Federation organise chess Under Age Group National Competitions?</p> <p>If yes, please list the Age Group National Competition(s) your National Federation conducts?</p>	<p>YES, U12 boys/girls, U10 boys/girls U14 boys/girls</p>																								
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<p>How many active players does your National Federation have (with or without FIDE ID)?</p>	<p>41</p>																								

<p>How many open tournaments does your National Federation organise annually (national rating, not FIDE rating)? Please, provide the data for 2023.</p>	<p>2 tournaments, February and May 2023</p>																					
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<p>Did your players and teams participate in at least most relevant 15 international competitions? If no, please provide the reasons.</p>	<p>Yes, our teams and players have previously participated in international events basically tournaments and championships in FIDE Zonal 4.1:</p> <p>Oran, Algeria 2018 Monastir, Tunisia 2022 Bejaia, Algeria 2023</p>																					
<p>Please list the competitions (indicate the dates) that your National Federation plans to organise in 2024 or send us Calendar 2024 as an attachment to the questionnaire.</p>	<p>WE are aiming at organizing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OPEN TOURNAMENT FOR REFUGEES 2. NATIONAL OPEN TOURNAMENT OF UNDER AGE. 																					

LEAGUES AND CLUB INFORMATION	
Is there a club registration in your National Federation?	YES
Number of leagues:	5
Number of clubs:	29
Number of women's clubs:	5

LAWS OF CHESS	
Please advise whether it is useful to publish the proposals on the FIDE Laws of Chess that the FIDE Rules Commission receives to allow all National Federations contribute before the FIDE Rules Commission meeting. If yes, what would be the preferred way of communication - FIDE website, direct mail to federations, other option?	Direct mail to federations
Please advise if your National Federation is aware that the the FIDE Rules Commission has a website and when was the last time your National Federation consulted it.	Yes
Please advise if your National Federation thinks that the FIDE Rules Commission shall discuss and prepare General Tournament Regulations for all open tournaments.	Click here to fill in text.

DEVELOPMENT MATTERS	
Share a few examples of key / big projects organised by your National Federation. Describe other major activities organised by your National Federation such as social programs, workshops etc.	As we face a lot of challenges, we are considering to focus mainly on organizing the game and ensure larger participation we focus all our efforts on this objective.
During the years of 2023, how many seminars or workshops did your National Federation organise for the following groups?	Click here to fill in text.

<p>Players (open, female, juniors) Trainers Arbiters Social chess Chess in school Parents Sport Management Others</p> <p>Mark Online activities.</p>	
<p>How may FIDE support the development of your National Federation?</p>	<p>By accepting us as affiliated member FIDE will help us develop and maintain close presence to adopt developments and advancement achieved</p>
<p>What development and capacity building support from FIDE would your National Federation need?</p>	<p>Help to train more arbiters and chess in school</p>

CHESS IN EDUCATION	
<p>How many schools are there in your country? How many schools in your country have some type of chess program?</p>	<p>We have more than 45 school in the area where we are present and we started a coordination to be present in all of them this year.</p>
<p>What is the main form of chess instruction in schools? Is it mostly after-school or lunchtime chess clubs run by chess trainers, or is chess taught as part of the curriculum in lesson time by teachers?</p>	<p>The chess is mainly present after-school and that is thanks to the tournaments we organize since our federation established.</p>
<p>Is your National Federation interested in expanding its outreach with a Chess in Education program that includes teacher training? If yes, what goals would you like to achieve and who would be the person to contact to develop the initiative?</p>	<p>Yes, we are interested and we can be contacted directly through the email address of our president</p>
<p>Would you like to receive information about courses, curriculum, books, and online teaching resources for chess instruction certified by FIDE? If yes, please provide a contact person.</p>	<p>Yes, we would like to receive them and we can always be reached through email address of the federation</p>
<p>Is your National Federation responsible for educational chess and its promotion?</p>	<p>YES</p>

If not, please provide the name and the contact of the responsible organization.	
Does your National Federation have an official responsible for developing Chess in Education on your National Federation's Executive Board? If yes, please provide his/her contact information.	Yes, Sid Ahmed Andalla

OTHER MATTERS	
What would be the suggestions of your National Federation to FIDE on how to improve our work.	Click here to fill in text.
How does your National Federation normally find out the information on/from FIDE (FIDE social media, FIDE web, emails, social media profiles of FIDE officials...).	Click here to fill in text.
Does your National Federation follow the decisions of the FIDE Council/FIDE General Assembly, e.g., changes in regulations etc. If yes, has your National Federation been engaged in any consultations with FIDE organs? If not, please, provide reasons.	Click here to fill in text.

Submission date:	19/07/2024
Questionnaire filled in by:	SALEM MOHAMED
Position in National Federation:	PRESIDENT

We thank you very much for your time, efforts and kind responses to this important FIDE document.

Re: ACC' position regarding Saharawi Chess federation application

tshepiso lopang <tlopang2000@yahoo.com>

Sun 21 Jul 2024 18:07

To:Aleksandr Martynov <aleksandr.martynov@fide.com>

Cc:Dana Reizniece-Ozola <dana.reizniece-ozola@fide.com>;Sava Stoisavljevic <sava.stoisavljevic@fide.com>

Dear All

We support the application,thank you.

Regards
Tshepiso

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On Sun, Jul 21, 2024 at 17:56, Aleksandr Martynov
<aleksandr.martynov@fide.com> wrote:

Dear Tshepiso, for the record (we will add this letter to the materials for the future FC Agenda for July 29), please confirm that i understand well and ACC supports this application.

Sincerely
FIDE Legal Director
Aleksandr Martynov

From: azdan_2005@yahoo.fr <azdan_2005@yahoo.fr>
 To: directory@fide.com, fidepresident@fide.com, ttmarouane@gmail.com
 CC:
 Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024, 5:59:37 PM
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الاتحاد الجزائري للشطرنج

FÉDÉRATION ALGÉRIENNE DES ECHECS

Algiers , 18 July 2024



To Mr President of FIDE

The Algerian chess federation request formally the agending of the sahrawi chess federation item regarding the demand for the status of FIDE affiliated member for the next general assembly scheduled for September 17th to 22th,2024 in Budapest-Hungary .

This issue should be examined under article 13 and 14 of FIDE chart. Especially article 14.1 b And article 14.1 c. Notice that an item requested by a full member federation became a mandatory right to be discussed in general assembly.

We hope that our request will find a favorale response , please accept our most sincere feelings .

LE PRESIDENT DE LA FEDERATION ALGERIENNE DES ECHECS

رئيس الاتحادية الجزائرية للشطرنج
 Le Président de la FADE
 A. BRAHIM DJELLOUL



- We regret that the African Chess Confederation has recognized this federation, making it the only sports organization in the world to have recognized a federation from this republic, which is not recognized by the IOC nor by the United Nations.
- The Moroccan Chess Federation, representing a country recognized by the UN and IOC, does not acknowledge the legitimacy of the Saharawi Chess Federation's claims. Our position is supported by the broader international community, which recognizes Morocco's sovereignty over the Western Sahara region.

3. Implications for FIDE:

- Accepting the Saharawi Chess Federation as a member would set a concerning precedent for FIDE, potentially leading to similar claims from entities that do not meet the established criteria of international recognition. This could complicate FIDE's governance and membership structure, undermining its credibility and the clarity of its membership rules.
- Maintaining the integrity of FIDE's membership criteria is essential for ensuring that the organization remains aligned with internationally accepted standards. The inclusion of unrecognized entities could lead to diplomatic and legal challenges, disrupting the unity and harmony within the international chess community.

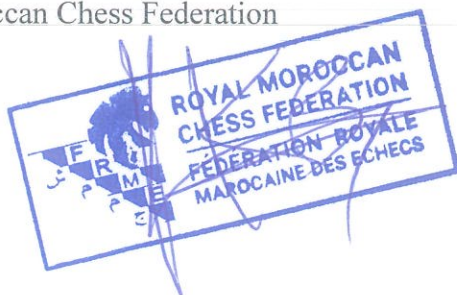
Given these points, I strongly urge FIDE to reject the application of the Saharawi Chess Federation. This decision would uphold the principles outlined in the FIDE Charter and respect the prevailing international consensus regarding state recognition.

Please let me know if any further information or clarification is required. I am available to discuss this matter in more detail if needed.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Best regards,

Bouchra Kadiri
 President
 Moroccan Chess Federation





الاتحاد الجزائري للشطرنج FÉDÉRATION ALGÉRIENNE DES ECHECS

To mister Martinov

The request of Algeria to agend the sahwari case is itself a response to your question.

We received a document from the Sahrawi Chess Federation (SCF)

The document titled « SCF Argument for acceptance as FIDE affiliated member » contain a complete pleading for the recognition of SCF by fide as an affiliated member in accordance with the FIDE chart especially article 13 and 14.

We can found other reasons to explain our interest for this item.

One of them is that there's a great number of sahwari refugees in the region of Tindouf (Algeria) having a regular activity.

Add to this, if we read carfully the FIDE chart, especially article 2 (mission and role of FIDE) and article 4 (FIDE principles), then, we have acquired the conviction that we have to encourage this young federation.

Supporting this admittance is live online with FIDE mission (article 2.1) comitting FIDE to promote chess activities, in all their forms.

Even the diffusion and the development of chess culture and knowledge on a sporting, scientific, creative, educational and cultural basis (article 2.5) is in accordance with our steps.

Algerian federation consider itself as a FIDE point of support for the FIDE mission to support close international cooperation of chess devoters in all fields of chess activities, thereby also aming to improve harmony, and promote peace among all peoples of the world as stipulated in FIDE chart (article 2.6).

A specific reason for us, algerians' to support the sahwaris in this process is point 2.11 of the FIDE chart, this article target namely the refugees, as highlighted above. It's a real concern for Algeria.

Article 4 is also relevant in this file.

4.3 FIDE is comitted to respecting all internationally recognised human rights and shall strive to promote the protection of these rights.

4.4 No discrimination.

4.6 Equal access.

I think that this is enough to understand why the Algerian chess federation agree with the SCF admission process of to FIDE.

Best regards.

LE PRESIDENT DE LA FEDERATION ALGERIENNE DES ECHECS

رئيس الاتحاد الجزائرية للشطرنج

