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Council's Resolution on Refugee Teams Participation at the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad in Samarkand, Uzbekistan

Taking into consideration that in accordance with the Charter, the International Chess Federation (FIDE) is committed to respecting all internationally recognised human rights and shall strive to promote the protection of these rights (art. 4.3 of the FIDE Charter),

Given that FIDE rejects any kind of discrimination against a country, private person or group of people (art. 4.4 of the FIDE Charter),

Given that FIDE intends to provide access to the game of chess to all people regardless of their position, nationality and status,

Following the example of the International Olympic Committee that has created a practice to include a Refugee Team as participants in Olympic Games raising international awareness of the scale of the global refugee crisis and integrating refugees in the global Olympic movement,

Considering that FIDE has signed a Memorandum of Understanding and since 2021 has engaged in successful cooperation with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in using chess as a tool for education and integration of refugees and displaced people,

Having the reference to FIDE's and UNHCR's jointly implement Chess for Protection (chess for refugees) programme which commenced in August 2021 and involves the delivery of chess training at the Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Refugee Settlement in Kenya with selection, preparation and promotion of an Olympic Chess refugees' team being as one of the main activities of the programme,

FIDE Council hereby decides as follows:

- 1) Along with Article 3.2. of FIDE Chess Olympiad 2026 Regulations for the Main Competition, FIDE shall admit an Open and Women team of refugees selected in a supervised selection process and approved by the UNHCR to participate in the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad scheduled to take place in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, from 15-28 September 2026.



2) The team qualified for the FIDE Chess Olympiad 2026 consist of the following players:

S/NO	FULL NAME	GENDER	INDIVIDUAL NUMBER
1	ATEM GAK, NGONG	M	845-00233764
2	AJAK ADER, ADER	M	845-00248205
3	MACH NHIAL, CHOL	M	845-00272057
4	NYOK AYUAL, JOCK	M	803-00496977
5	PAGER THUCH, ALAAK DANIEL	M	845-00197898
6	CHOL ANHIANY, ATHIENG	F	845-00232982
7	MAJAK BOL, AWAN	F	845-00231912
8	ATEM ACHUOTH, AJOK	F	845-00208657
9	MACH AYUEN, AMER	F	845-00214011
10	MARIO, SYLVIA TETE	F	845-00142865

3) The list of potential reserve players is as follows:

S/NO	NAME	GENDER	NATIONALITY
1	KAMIC, YAAK GARANG	Male	S. Sudanese
2	ACHUOTH CHOL, CHOL	Male	S. Sudanese
3	MALEK KUIR, KUIR	Male	S. Sudanese
4	DENG MAKETH, Kongor	Male	S. Sudanese
5	ABUOI CHOL, Deng	Male	S. Sudanese
6	ELIA AYIK, Martha	Female	S. Sudanese
7	GARANG KIIR, AKUOL	Female	S. Sudanese
8	GARANG AYIEI, AKIT	Female	S. Sudanese
9	ALONY MADOL, NYANAHER	Female	S. Sudanese
10	MADING, Nyanthich Dhieu	Female	S. Sudanese

4) The following representatives shall be accompanying the team:

1	Ina Guy	F	UNHCR Representative
2	Geir Nesheim	M	Chief of Delegation
3	Sergejs Klimakovs	M	Coach
4	Alaak Daniel Pager	M	Coach



- 5) The registration, procedure of verification of travel documents and other details shall be subject to development and confirmation among FIDE, UNHCR and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).
- 6) Dana Reizniece, FIDE Deputy Chair of Management Board, Aleksandr Martynov, FIDE Legal Director and Anastasia Sorokina, Chair of FIDE Commission for Women in Chess and Chess for Protection Project Leader are entitled to coordinate the above matters with UNHCR and LOC.

On behalf of FIDE Council

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Arkady Dvorkovich

FIDE President