RESOLUTION

Regarding the Appointment of the Reverse Delegate for Bulgaria

The FIDE Council,

Having considered the current situation in Bulgaria regarding internal difficulties in chess governance;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 11(d) of the FIDE Charter, a Member Federation is obligated to maintain full control and governance of chess in their country, including, without limitations, control over their national competitions, excluding unofficial and unrated events;

Whereas the current FIDE Member Federation, the Bulgarian Sports Chess Federation (BSCF), does not hold a national sports license, thereby violating the aforementioned requirement;

Having reviewed the advisory opinion of the Constitutional Commission from November 2026, recommending the appointment of a Reverse Delegate as a proportionate measure under Article 13.7 of the FIDE Charter;

Having reviewed the proposed appointment of a reverse delegate to facilitate relations between FIDE and the BSCF, and to mediate between the BSCF and BCF 2022;

Resolves as follows:

Appointment and Term. The Council hereby appoints Mr. Gunnar Björnsson (FIDE ID: 2302039) as the Reverse Delegate for Bulgaria (Bulgarian Sports Chess Federation). His term of appointment will commence immediately and remain in effect until March 1, 2027, unless extended or modified by the FIDE Council.

Responsibilities and Mandate. Initially, the mandate of the Reverse Delegate will be limited to fact-finding and mediation between the BSCF and BCF 2022, as well as liaising with national authorities (in particular, the Bulgarian Ministry of Youth and Sports). The Reverse Delegate will be responsible for maintaining communication between the BSCF and FIDE and for the interaction of the BSCF with FIDE in general. The federation is not deprived of the right to register tournaments and players; however, the Reverse Delegate shall also have the right, in necessary cases, to confirm such registration on his own behalf.

Coordination. The Reverse Delegate must coordinate his activities with the existing (or past) role of the FIDE Special Envoy, Mr. Florea, and jointly participate in work with the Ministry.

Reporting. The Reverse Delegate shall provide his first written report to the FIDE Council no later than February 1, 2027. The report should reflect an assessment of the current situation, the results of the mediation, progress in the development of the situation, and information on the issuance of the license.

Further Steps. Should the situation with the license not be resolved within the established mandate, the FIDE Council, upon the expiration of the term (or based on the Reverse Delegate's report), shall formally consider the issue of suspending the federation's membership in accordance with Article 13.1 of the FIDE Charter.

This resolution is adopted by the FIDE Council on 24 November 2026.