FIDE General Assembly

26-27 September 2026

MINUTES

A. Roll-call

The quorum has been established.

President of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation, Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan Mr. A. Aripov welcomed the delegates and wished everyone a successful General Assembly.

B. FIDE Interim President's address

Mr. Anand thanks the Uzbekistan Chess Federation and the Government of Uzbekistan for their hospitality and for the opportunity to hold the Olympiad and Congress in such wonderful conditions, with players and delegates enjoying the care and beauty of Samarkand.

Mr. A. Aripov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan, President of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation welcomes everyone to Uzbekistan and that is the sign and freedom given to the people of Uzbekistan and they have a right to exercise sports and he thanks all the guests.

In today's digitalised ear, the expansion of rights of young people, the year of Chess Education, will allow us to provide the best solutions for the future. Mr. Aripov wishes the delegates very fruitful deliberations. He underlines that the FIDE General Assembly is the highest body, and its decisions will help chess to realise the needs in the whole world, to expand its influence and to carry out all the outlined tasks.

C. Obituaries

Mr. Anand says that unfortunately, the past year has brought a number of losses, and he begins with the most recent one, the passing away of Mr. G. Makropoulos, who would have been a very active participant here, however he is not to be.

The delegates had a minute of silence in memory of those who the FIDE family lost in the previous year.

Mr. Anand reminds the General Assembly that, at the request of the Presidential candidates, the FIDE Council supported a change in the order of the items on the General Assembly Agenda so that the elections would be considered first. He asks the General Assembly to formally ratify this change.

The General Assembly confirms the proposal of the FIDE Council.

D. Report of the Chairman of the Electoral Commission

Mr. Rivello presents the Commission's report. He says there are a lot of new delegates at this General Assembly, and maybe not all aspects of the Electoral Rules are easy to follow. He thanks the other two members of the FIDE Electoral Commission, Ms. Y. Persaud and Mr. A. Priest, Chairs of the Ethics and Disciplinary and Verification Commissions respectively, for their invaluable contribution. He underlines that the Electoral Commission has been operating pro bono, completely independently and with absolute neutrality and impartiality, in the sole

and best interest of FIDE. He also says that the ELC members are jurists who believe in rules and rules matter, but sometimes rules require interpretations, and there can be different interpretations.

E. Confirmation of the list of eligible voters

Mr. Rivello announces that there are 202 member Federations entitled to vote, and the list is final and binding with no complaints to be submitted. He also announces that there is a list of two suspended Federations, Russia and Rwanda. He requests the General Assembly to formally ratify these two lists.

The General Assembly confirms the list of the eligible voters and the list of suspended Federations.

The General Assembly approves the report of the Electoral Commission.

Section 1- Elections

1.1 Elections of the 3 Scrutineers

Mr. Anand announces the list of the three Scrutineers:

1. Mr. F Cruz Arce (PUR) - unanimously approved

2. Ms N Rob (SLO) - one objection, but approved

3. Mr S. Mohammed (MTN) - unanimously approved.

Reserve candidate:

Mr. R. Al Susi (PLE) - unanimously approved

The General Assembly approves the election of three Scrutineers: Ms. Nina Rob (SLO), Mr. Francisco J Cruz Arce (PUR), Mr. Sidi Mohammed Tajedine (MTN), with Mr. Rajai N. Al-Susi (PLE) as a substitute.

Mr Rivello explains the procedure of voting and gives details of the technical meeting with the three candidates. Each candidate has 15 minutes for his presentation, which they can use as they prefer.

According to the drawing of lots, Mr. Rosenstein is the first to speak. He addresses the delegates and says they represent small chess clubs, big names and tournaments. He says the campaign has taught him that it is very easy to forget about listening to people and he does not want to be like this and he wants the World Chess Federation that people can trust, that has the same rules for everyone, for strong and weak, he wants small nations to have the same respect as the big ones, and he wants the FIDE President who will serve FIDE not own it. He says FIDE does not belong to the Council or politicians, or sponsors, FIDE belongs to chess. He wants FIDE to become more professional and fair. He says that the effect of these elections might last longer than a four-year Presidential term. He says that one day other people will come to FIDE and they should be able to say that today in Samarkand the right choice was made. Mr. Rosenstein thanks Uzbekistan for hospitality, for conversations and discussions and the opponents for the campaign.

Messrs J.H. Buettner and M. Pein take the floor. The video is shown. Mr. Pein says that Mr. Buettner has a lot of passion and fire and drive, and he is very honoured to be part of this campaign.

Mr. Buettner introduces himself and says that chess has been his passion since he was five years old. He says that he sees this campaign as an opportunity to make good governance and leadership the standard in FIDE, to change the way FIDE works and to build the kind of FIDE that all of us want. He says that he has spoken to about 150 Federations during this period and all concur in what they want, stronger federations, more opportunity for younger people, women, girls, transparency and respect. Mr. Buettner gives recognition to the presidency of Mr. Dvorkovich for making FIDE administratively stronger and getting more international respect. However, time has come to make FIDE more professional in terms of management, financial strength and independence, with more commercial value for chess. He reiterates that if he wins, 20% of FIDE revenues, without prize funds, will be distributed to FIDE Federations directly and they will build sustainable revenues and partnerships. With his professional background and experience he is able to raise dozens of millions of dollars, but this will not be a goal but instrument for chess development.

Messrs T. Turlov and V. Anand take the floor. Mr. Turlov welcomes all the delegates and expresses gratitude to the President of Uzbekistan H.E. Mirzioyev and Mr. Aripov, Prime-Minister and President of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation for organising the events. He opines that the President should be able to answer any kind of questions, from any member of the chess family. He says that with his business background, he is able to generate high revenues but chess is much bigger than that, it is a grassroot development, and FIDE exists for Federations, for people who play chess. He mentions that as a Kazakhstani, he has the approach of building bridges between continents, people, nations, trying to overcome disagreements. He presents the success story of the Kazakhstan Chess Federation as an example of his professional approach and enumerates the goals and directions for FIDE future development. He also praises Mr. Anand who needs no introduction and says he is very proud to have such a partner and a colleague.

Mr. Anand says that since he has won his first tournament and became a GM, a lot of changes have taken place in India and all over the world. He says that during the campaign he has understood how seriously Mr. Turlov takes this job and how attentively he listens to each conversation as he wants to make a commitment and be responsible for delivering and their two experiences complement each other and have clear commitment to each member of FIDE.

1.2 Election of the combined Presidential tickets

Presidential ticket of Mr. Wadim Rosenstein

1. President – Mr. Wadim Rosenstein

2. Deputy President – Mr. Gordon Tang

Presidential ticket of Mr. Jan Henric Buettner

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2. Deputy President – Mr. Malcolm Pein

Presidential ticket of Mr. Timur Turlov

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2. Deputy President – Mr. Viswanathan Anand

Delegates representing 196 national chess federations took part in the election. In the first round, ticket of Mr. Timur Turlov (KAZ) received 96 votes, ticket of Mr. Wadim Rosenstein (GER) received 76 votes, and ticket of Mr. Jan Henric Buettner (GER) received 20 votes. Of the 196 ballots, 192 were valid and four were invalid.
Mr. Rivello announces that, as none of the tickets received more than 50% of the valid votes, a second round will be held between the two tickets receiving the highest numbers of votes. In the second round, ticket of Mr. Timur Turlov received 110 votes and ticket of Mr. Wadim Rosenstein received 85 votes, with one abstention (196 ballots in total).

The General Assembly elects Mr. Timur Turlov as FIDE President and Mr. Viswanathan Anand as FIDE Deputy President.

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1.3 Election of four Vice Presidents.

Mr. Rivello explains the voting procedure and announces the withdrawal of candidates from the United Arab Emirates, Ecuador and Spain, as well as the removal of the candidate from India from the ballot following the election of Mr. Anand, since two representatives from the same country cannot serve on the Council. He also announces the entry of Mr. Malcolm Pein, noting that under the rules, a candidate from a losing ticket may choose to run for Vice-President. Delegates may vote for up to four candidates. The first three candidates with the highest numbers of votes will be elected, after which a fourth Council member will subsequently be elected in a second round from among the remaining candidates, taking into account the principle of gender balance. Voting proceeds.

2.1 Report of FIDE Interim President

Mr. Anand presents his report and thanks everybody who has contributed to the very exciting and fruitful period of the organisation. He also reminds the delegates of the FIDE official events which were organised in the period since the previous General Assembly, thanks the organisers, congratulates the winners. Mr. Anand announces that FIDE has a new exciting three-year partnership with Salesforce, title sponsor of the World Championship matches and a technology partner of FIDE. FIDE is delighted that such an important sponsor joins the pool of sponsors and investors in chess. He also thanks all present sponsors, especially Freedom Holding which has been a reliable partner of FIDE for many events.

Mr. Anand mentions a continuing discussion of shorter time controls in standard chess, where the initial project generated considerable interest and many favourable opinions as well as questions for further consideration, which will be looked at before a final decision is taken.

He reminds that the year 2026 is the Year of Education in Chess and during the first eight months of the year 37 educational courses trained 565 participants with 478 qualifying and the network of schools keeps growing. FIDE Chess for Freedom Programme reaches 57 countries, while Infinite Chess is in 28 countries and Chess for Protection engages more than 2,300 persons in refugee communities.

Mr. Anand also announces that within the framework of the activities of the Women's Chess Commission a record of 991 participants in the Queens and Princesses online chess festival and 13 chess moms are currently in Samarkand as part of the Chess Moms project.

He underlines the investment into the expansion of opportunities for arbiters, trainers and educators as well as young generation, with 400 young talents from 92 Federations received online training in the FIDE Young Talents Academy.

Another milestone is the organisation of the 3rd FIDE Olympiad for People with Disabilities organised in Samarkand with a great success for the first time alongside the regular Olympiad, with a record of 41 countries participating.

Mr. Anand mentions the situation since July 2026 where following the inclusion of Mr. Dvorkovich into the European sanctions list, he has to undertake the position of the Interim President to ensure the continuity and smooth fulfilling of all the FIDE programme. He thanks all the National Federations, members of the FIDE Council, Management Board, Commissions and FIDE staff for the support in this period. He also thanks Mr. Dvorkovich for being a staunch supporter of chess and always being there for FIDE and putting FIDE first and being a true friend of chess.

Mr. Anand expresses most sincere gratitude to the Republic of Uzbekistan, its Government, Chess Federation of Uzbekistan and all who contributed to the event and brought global chess community to Samarkand. He underlines that the event has again proven the commitment of FIDE to chess, its members, to serve the chess community on all levels, and continue developing chess in the world.

The General Assembly notes the Interim President's report.

2.2 Report of the FIDE Treasurer

Ms. Zhu presents her report.

In the report she gives the details of the financial year 2025. She mentions a 1 mln euro loss at the end of that year, as the year was a difficult one for FIDE due to the absence of Chess Olympiads and World Championship matches in the odd years in the FIDE Calendar the net income of FIDE has declined from 3 to 2 mln euro. Ms Zhu explains the different currencies devaluation and interest rates which contributed to the final numbers of the FIDE budget 2025. She also describes the current year situation with about 6 mln euro in the bank accounts, FIDE position remains very strong where the expected position at the end of 2026 is going to be quite similar to the one at the start of the year.

Ms. Zhu mentions the unprecedented support of FIDE provided in the form of travel fund for the Federations to attend the 2026 Chess Olympiad in the beautiful city of Samarkand which resulted in the 200 Federations having arrived here. The travel fund support amounted to 3 mln euros. As for the other FIDE flagship events, the World Championship match, Ms. Zhu informs that the sponsors of the match in Geneva are two stock exchange listed companies as main sponsors, with the FIDE net income from the event expected to reach 2.4 mln euros.

Ms. Zhu expresses her sincere gratitude at the end of her second term as FIDE Treasurer, to the FIDE President, FIDE Council and FIDE Management Board members, National

Federations with special thanks to the FIDE Verification Commission for their dedicated and responsible work during these eight years.

The General Assembly approves the Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Anand proposes to defer the Verification Commission's report while the votes are being counted and to proceed with item 2.4.

2.4 Discharge of the Treasurer.

The General Assembly discharged the Treasurer from the responsibilities for the financial year 2025.

1.4 Elections of the Treasurer, the Secretary of the Council and of three Vice Presidents (procedural discussion)

Mr. Turlov suggested that his nominations be considered at the opening of the meeting on the following day. No objection is raised.

1.5 Election of the Constitutional Commission member

Mr. Jorge Arias Bouzada (URU) withdraws his candidacy after being nominated by the newly elected FIDE President as Secretary of the Constitutional Commission.

The General Assembly notes and supports this nomination. The General Assembly elects Mr. Francois Strydom (RSA) as a member of the Constitutional Commission by acclamation.

1.6 Acknowledgment of the elections for the Continental and Zonal Presidents.

Mr. Turlov proposes that the General Assembly congratulate Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili (GEO), Mr. Benard Wanjala (KEN) and Mr. José Antonio Carrillo (PAN) on their respective victories in the Continental elections, as well as all elected Zonal Presidents.

The General Assembly acknowledges the results of the Continental and Zonal elections and congratulates all elected candidates by applause.

4.1 Budget 2027-2028

4.1.1 Mandate of the Council to adopt the FIDE budget for the year 2027 and provisional FIDE budget for the year 2028.

Mr. Anand introduces the item and gives the floor to Ms. Zhu, who presents the draft resolution and proposes that the Council be authorised to approve the budgets, explaining the need to reflect the priorities of the incoming leadership.

Mr. Howie objects to delegating approval to the Council and stresses the need for the General Assembly to review the proposed expenditure. The delegate from Japan proposes that an online General Assembly be convened in December to approve the budget.

Mr. Turlov stresses his commitment to accountability and his respect for the General Assembly. He supports the proposal to convene an Extraordinary General Assembly to approve the revised budget and undertakes to ensure that it is submitted in due time.

The General Assembly resolves to instruct the FIDE Council to prepare the FIDE budget for 2027 and the provisional FIDE budget for 2028, and to submit them for review at an Extraordinary General Assembly to be convened in late 2026.

4.2 Appointment of External Auditor for annual audit of FIDE accounts for 2026.

The General Assembly resolves to re-appoint Ernst & Young as External Auditor for annual audit of FIDE accounts for 2026.

1.3 Election of four Vice Presidents (continued – first-round results)

Mr. Rivello announces the results of the first round, in which 186 ballots were cast:

Ms. Yuhua Xu (CHN) – 100 votes

Mr. Michael Khodarkovsky (USA) – 93 votes

Mr. Pavel Kolobkov (RUS) – 78 votes

Mr. Yassin Souleiman Hassan (DJI) – 72 votes

Ms. Susan Namangale (MAW) – 58 votes

Mr. Willy Iclicki (LIE) – 43 votes

Mr. Malcolm Pein (ENG) – 39 votes

Mr. Olalekan Adeyemi (NGR) – 33 votes

Mr. George Mastrokoukos (CAN) – 33 votes

Mr. David Llada Fernandez (ESP) – 32 votes

Mr. Rustam Kasimdzhanov (UZB) – 32 votes

Mr. Joran Aulin-Jansson (NOR) – 29 votes

Mr. Prospero A. Pichay Jr. (PHI) – 22 votes

Mr. Igor Glek (BEL) – 7 votes

The General Assembly elects Ms. Yuhua Xu, Mr. Michael Khodarkovsky and Mr. Pavel Kolobkov as FIDE Vice-Presidents in the first round.

Mr. Rivello gives the floor to Mr. Priest while the ballot papers for the second round are prepared.

2.3 Verification Commission’s report

Mr. Priest presents the report. He informs that the report is now on the screen and also included as an Annex to the General Assembly Agenda. He goes through the Executive Summary, presents the opinion of the External Auditors Ernst & Young and addresses several issues after the open Commission's meeting earlier that week. He explains that the External Auditors present Swiss statutory unmodified opinion. But this does not mean the financial reports are perfect, the Auditors will also test sample of transactions, to develop reasonable assurance that the transactions are free from mistakes. Mr. Priest notes that all misstatements were corrected

before the issuance of the final version. None of these were significant. He notes that the Commission has found some points of concern, e.g. Multiple events documents have not been signed correctly and recommended that FIDE adopt a secure document signing software. Another issue is receipts for expenditures, it happens as the members of the Management Board and Commissions are scattered around the world. Another problem is that the social insurance costs of employees are included into a separate line and then added again to be grossed with salaries. The Verification Commission has concerns that the management has not taken steps to correct the problem. Mr. Priest has expressed concerns that the finances of FIDE are on an unstable path and it will be a challenge for the new administration to correct it as well as the Development Fund.

Mr. Priest presents the Commission's recommendations.

He also presents gratitude to the outgoing Treasurer Ms. Zhu Chen and Mr. A. Volzhin, Financial Advisor for their work and support. Mr. Priest is also very pleased with the members of the Verification Commission and thanks them for cooperation.

Mr. Howie asks why the same recommendation has been seen at each Assembly and in each report, regarding recommendation number four, so what can be done that these recommendations are taken up.

Mr. Priest replies that he is also frustrated that they have to repeat fundamental financial necessities, but the Commission, with some members being there from 2018 , repeat the recommendations because they are good governance and they need to change and it must happen from management. He expresses the hope that with the new administration the changes will come as when he personally had asked the previous President for assistance, he has been unsuccessful in making it happen. And also the delegates can demand these changes to happen.

Mr. O'Connor asks whether these changed cost money and if yes how much.

Mr. Priest replies that the management should make employees comply and it will cut costs, instead the FIDE Financial department chases people. He hopes next year the problem will be solved. So the costs are minimal here. He is unable to say regarding the costs of a secure document signing platform, but from hundreds to thousands dollars, most probably.

The General Assembly approves the Verification Commission’s report.

1.3 Election of four Vice Presidents (continued – second round)

Mr. Rivello explains that since representatives of both genders were elected to the Council in the first round, all remaining unelected candidates are eligible to stand in the second round. Prior to the vote, Mr. Malcolm Pein withdraws his candidacy. In the second round, Mr. Yassin Souleiman Hassan (DJI) receives 67 votes, the highest number among all candidates.

The General Assembly elects Mr. Yassin Souleiman Hassan as the FIDE Vice-President.

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6.3 FIDE Chess Olympiad 2028 presentation

Mr. Houssain Abdullah Al-Khouri, President of the Abu Dhabi Chess Club, Tournament Director of the 47th FIDE Chess Olympiad 2028, makes a presentation.

He congratulates Mr. Turlov on his election and also expresses gratitude to Mr. Dvorkovich and his team for on-going support of Abu Dhabi. He also expresses thanks and appreciation to the Uzbekistan Chess Federation and Organising Committee for the organisation of the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad 2026 and FIDE Congress 2026.

He expresses assurances that the 47th FIDE Chess Olympiad 2028 will be a global level event worthy of its status.

He welcomes all the delegates and national federations to Abu Dhabi in 2028.

Mr. Anand pays tribute to Mr. Oleg Skvortsov. A recorded tribute by Grandmaster Boris Gelfand is played and a special award is presented in his memory.

8.2 Other matters

A delegate proposes that the General Assembly express its appreciation for the contribution of outgoing FIDE President Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich. The delegates support this proposal with applause. Mr. Anand announces that 103 delegates are present, confirms the quorum and hands the chairmanship to Mr. Turlov.

1.4 Elections of the Treasurer, the Secretary of the Council and of three Vice Presidents.

The newly elected President shall nominate one person for the position of the Treasurer, three (3) persons for the position of Vice Presidents and one person for the position of the Vice President/Secretary of the Council.

Mr. Turlov nominates the following five members of the FIDE Council:

1. Mr. Luigi Maggi (ITA) – Treasurer
2. Ms. Bouchra Kadiri (MAR) – Secretary of the FIDE Council / Vice-President
3. Mr. Mahir Mammedov (AZE) – Vice-President
4. Ms. Carol S. Williams Pesqueira (ARU) – Vice-President
5. Mr. Mykhailo Podolyak (UKR) – Vice-President

The General Assembly elects the candidates nominated by the FIDE President by acclamation.

Mr. Turlov also announces his intended nominations for Honorary Vice-Presidents, subject to the Charter amendments and Council approval.

The Ukrainian Chess Federation objects to the appointment of Mr. Podolyak. Mr. Turlov replies that further to the consultations with the FIDE Electoral Commission, the approval of a National Federation is not required.

Section 3- Membership issues

3.1 Membership issues

3.1.1 The Chess Federation of Russia

3.1.1.1 Letter from Armenian Chess Federation

3.1.1.2 Letter from Belarus Chess Federation

3.1.1.3 Letter from Cuban Chess Federation

3.1.1.4 Letter from Nicaraguan Chess Federation

3.1.1.5 Other materials

Mr. Turlov states that as FIDE President and President of the Kazakhstan Chess Federation he has great respect for Russia and Russian chess. However, FIDE will make every effort to ensure that FIDE strictly complies with legal norms, and FIDE respects the CAS decision in accordance with the IOC rules and FIDE Charter. He says that even FIDE formally has a right to reject it, it will not do so as it does not want to jeopardise the relations with the IOC. So he proposes to confirm the FIDE Council decision to suspend the Chess Federation of Russia.

Mr. Turlov expresses hope that some ways will be found to resolve the existing issues and with the help of the Chess Federation of Russia, they will be in line with the CAS decision, so that CAS will allow them back to the FIDE family after they follow the requirements of CAS.

Mr. Pein thanks Mr. Turlov for not undermining the legitimacy of FIDE as the FIDE relationship with CAS is fundamental to the relationship with the IOC. He says that he hopes it is a benchmark for a great future under Mr. Turlov's leadership.

Mr. O'Connor confirms the previous speaker's statement regarding the relationship with CAS being of utmost importance for the relationship with the IOC.

Mr. Kovalchuk informs that there is no written consent from Mr. Podolyak to be appointed as FIDE Vice-President. He also adds that regarding the CAS decision, it applies to the elections of Mr. Kolobkov as Vice-President, and in case he is not removed or does not step down, the Ukrainian Chess Federation reserves the right to appeal this in a legal way, in CAS.

Mr. Kovalchuk also reads an appeal by the Ukrainian Chess Federation.

Mr. Turlov disagrees and informs that Mr. Podolyak has provided a written consent form. As for Mr. Kolobkov's candidacy, the body which has taken the final decision is the FIDE Electoral Commission. He adds that if somebody appeals to it in CAS, for sure FIDE will follow its decision.

Mr. Lovik reads a statement on behalf of the Ukrainian Chess Federation that they strongly object to any vote by the General Assembly on the issue of confirmation of the Chess Federation of Russia suspension as following the CAS decision dated 11 March 2026, the suspension of the Chess Federation of Russia is "automatic". Due to the Chess Federation of Russia's failure to stop the activity in the occupied territories, the CAS award is final and binding to all FIDE bodies, including the General Assembly. The decision was not challenged in the Swiss Federal Tribunal. The vote to whether or not to confirm this sanction directly contradicts Swiss law, the FIDE Charter and the Chess code. The Appeal informs of the further action taken by the Ukrainian Chess Federation in Swiss courts. They request not to hold a vote at the General Assembly as the CAS award is final, binding and unenforceable.

Mr. Turlov comments that the matter is in the General Assembly Agenda which has been published well in advance and cannot be ignored. He adds that that his proposal is to support the suspension so the discussion is only about some technicalities.

Mr. Howie opines that the General Assembly cannot vote on this matter as it is not competent, and the FIDE Council should not have approved to include this matter in the General Assembly's Agenda. He adds that the only way of action is for Mr. Turlov to announce that this motion is incompetent and the CAS decision must stand.

Mr. Turlov replies that in accordance with Article 26.10 of the FIDE Charter the vote should take place. He adds that the Article can be amended in the future, if necessary.

Mr. Borg clarifies the actual current status of FIDE with the IOC as a member of ARISF which does not dictate our jurisdiction as well as CAS.

Mr. Turlov concurred that the relationship with the IOC cannot be jeopardised.

Mr. Sanusi says that while he completely understands all legal elements, he would like to draw the attention to the fact that children are involved here and there is a certain element of victimisation. He claims that Malaysia is always against any sanctions and hopes that a solution which will be acceptable to all parties will be found in order not to perpetualise the situation.

Mr. Turlov responds that FIDE does respect the rights of individuals to represent themselves in competitions, with a fair limitation.

Mr. Biagioli comments that according to the FIDE Charter any motion which has been included into the General Assembly Agena within 60 days, shall be discussed.

Mr. Geeraets quotes Article 35.1. of the FIDE Charter which confirms that the CAS decisions are binding. So from a legal point of view it is not possible to take a decision on this matter.

Ms. Paridar comments that as the matter has been already discussed, it should be already clear. She also reiterates her position that all other situations similar to the Russia-Ukraine situation, should also be topics for discussion. She opines that it was not correct to remove the possibility of having forbidden pairings for those players whose countries are at war with one another as it is more political to force players to play if mentally they do not want to do so.

Mr. Turlov replies that these will require some legal work and some deliberations, but the proposals sound reasonable.

Mr. Turlov proposes to confirm the suspension of the Chess Federation of Russia. He also underlines that FIDE does have ultimate rights to make a final ultimate decision.

Mr. Rivero says the Cuban Chess Federation has very good relations with Chess Federations of Russia, Ukraine and all the countries. He says there is too much politics in the world but the chess federations despite political difficulties, continue having good relations, e.g. Cuba and the USA. He underlines that young players especially should not suffer and be deprived of participation in the events. He calls on all to act in the spirit of the FIDE motto "we are one family".

Mr. Turlov comments that he is also very sad that many countries have lost generations and their ability to play is limited. FIDE does not impose sanctions itself but has to respect international law. FIDE should continue to work to let young players to be part of chess movement and to have less effect of Federation's suspension. He requests Mr. Rivello to confirm that the vote on the General Assembly Agenda is in accordance with the FIDE Statutes.

Mr. Rivello comments that at the beginning of the General Assembly meeting the suspension was already confirmed as the FIDE Council decision was confirmed. However, there are proposals of several Federations on the Agenda, which should be voted and rejected because the situation with the Chess Federation of Russia has not changed and that is why it is fair to reject these proposals. He adds that by rejecting these proposals the General Assembly once again confirms the suspension and the position of Mr. Turlov is therefore correct.

Mr. Wilkinson comments that he completely agrees with Mr. Rivello and stresses that the General Assembly cannot vote as this cannot be legal. So if you vote for the possibility to reject, you leave a possibility for acceptance. If the decision is to reject, there is no need to vote as the Article in question is binding for everyone.

Mr. Turlov invites the delegates with the applause to confirm that the proposals are rejected and make sure the CAS decision is followed.

The General Assembly resolved to confirm the suspension of the Chess Federation of Russia.

Mr. Kovalchuk informs that the Ukrainian Ministry of Sports would like to know which means of communication was used to speak to Mr. Podolyak.

Mr. Turlov responds that he has a written confirmation from Mr. Podolyak and his opinion is available on X. He expresses regret for any differences of opinion but confirms that, in exercising his prerogative as FIDE President, he has decided to nominate Mr. Podolyak as Vice-President.

Mr. Kovalchuk informs that the Ukrainian Chess Federation made an appeal on 23rd September 2026 and still there is no reply and why FIDE is ignoring.

Mr. Turlov replies that the inquiry will be processed in due course in the spirit of transparency and efficiency.

3.1.2 The Rwanda Chess Federation

Mr. Turlov informs that the Rwanda Chess Federation is suspended on financial grounds and after the General Assembly FIDE will work hard to bring them back as a member.

Mr. O'Connor informs that the team is unable to participate in the Olympiads since 2018 and urges the African Chess Confederation and FIDE to send an envoy there and to help with the arrangements and write off their arrears of 3,000 when a new Federation is formed.

Mr. Turlov says he will try to help personally to resolve the matter.

The General Assembly resolved to confirm the suspension of the Chess Federation of Rwanda.

Section 5 - Administrative matters

5.1 Changes in the FIDE Handbook

5.1.1 The FIDE Council's proposal regarding the FIDE Charter.

Mr. Turlov presents the draft amendments. He personally supports the proposed changes, especially the one regarding five Honorary Vice Presidents, also a possibility for the President

to appoint another person as Chair to the Management Board and formally rename Secretary of the Council as Vice-President. He adds that he trusts all the team and all the individuals are well-respected and will work further for the prestige of the international chess organisation.

Mr. Bruce asks what the Honorary Vice Presidents fundamentally bring to the international chess federation and how does it facilitate FIDE in its obligations to a broader membership.

Mr. Turlov responds that the idea is to increase the number of high representatives in FIDE as its membership already is over 200 and the number has grown since the last Chess Olympiad, and as FIDE is aiming at joining the Olympic family amongst others, the higher representation will allow the facilitation of a wider and higher dialogue with NOCs, national governments and regional organisations. This title will enable them to represent FIDE in the best possible way and he will coordinate personally the team to contribute to the growth of the prestige of our organisation.

Mr. Bruce also asks about the rationale of adding Honorary Vice President position vis-a-vis to amend the FIDE Charter and to add to the existing Vice President responsibility of this impact similar to a position of an ambassador or a foreign secretary, instead of making this Honorary position and take it out of the hands of the General Assembly.

Mr. Turlov reiterates his request to entrust him with the appointments as he is confident that these individuals will be serving FIDE as part of his team on some specific items. He adds that the appointed individuals should demonstrate their performance and effectiveness in the next two years after that it could be reconsidered to make this position elected. He requests to show him some credit to appoint these individuals in order for FIDE to execute its strategy.

He stresses that Honorary Vice President position has no voting rights on the FIDE Council and no political decision would be influenced by them as everything will be in line with the written proposal on the Agenda.

Mr. Campeanu requests the opinion of the Constitutional Commission regarding Annex 5.2. to be presented before the vote takes place as he opines it raises substantial objections to this amendment.

Mr. Rivello confims that as Constitutional Commission, they delivered their advisory opinion on both matters regarding the FIDE Charter and other issues. He then says that they expressed criticism regarding some of the points because the most relevant thing is how FIDE is going to apply these new rules. He says that if President intends to apply these rules as explained earlier, it is a completely different thing and the reasons are good. He opines that it is advisable to clarify these better and when the new President will have a full idea how FIDE intends to use these changes, then it will be advisable to change the wording slightly. He gives an example of the first proposal regarding the obligations of member Federations where after the criticism of the Constitutional Commission, the FIDE Council changed the wording. Mr. Rivello expresses his confidence that the new President and new Council will consider the reasons of the Constitutional Commission and find the best wording to ensure the good balance of powers inside the Charter.

Mr Turlov thanks Mr. Rivello for the advisory opinion which he underlines is not mandatory, and the discussions will continue.

Mr. Freeman seconds Mr. Turlov's motion that he will be given two years. He adds that from his history, that President needs to have his people around him that he trusts in order to pursue his aims.

Mr. Turlov also promises to provide delegates with printed materials for perusal in the future FIDE meetings.

Mr. Wilkinson congratulates Mr. Turlov and Mr. Anand with the victory and continues to say that the Constitutional Commission has never agreed to five Honorary Vice-Presidents. He supports Mr. Bruce, a renowned lawyer, in asking his question. Mr. Wilkinson recalls his tenure as Honorary Vice-President, 2018-2022, when Mr. Dvorkovich was elected, and says that this position is in fact a reward for support and service. He refers to three FIDE bodies, the FIDE Council, the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission and the Constitutional Commission, which are critical. He thinks that if the Constitutional Commission, which is supposed to be impartial, says do it, the Council should listen, but has a right not to follow. If the Constitutional Commission tells not to do something, it comes from its impartiality, not from any political views. He refers to his own motto – Principles, not politics, and requests Mr. Turlov to give more power to the Constitutional Commission so that the Council should follow what it says.

Mr. Turlov thanks Mr. Wilkinson and confirms that the opinion of the Constitutional Commission and all other opinions are highly respected. He promises to spend time and understand procedures and rules as well as the balance of powers of body, but now he reiterates the request that he needs these Honorary Vice Presidents to be appointed.

The General Assembly resolved to approve the proposed amendments of Articles 18-23 of the FIDE Charter.

The General Assembly notes and supports the FIDE President's decision to nominate the following Honorary Vice-Presidents of FIDE: Mr. Rustam Kasimdzhanov (UZB), Mr. Javier Ochoa De Echaguen (ESP), Mr. Fouad Fahmi Darwish (UAE), and Mr. Michael Stoettinger (AUT).

Mr. Turlov proposes to proceed with item 6.1 before returning to the remaining Charter amendments.

6.1 FIDE Chess Olympiad 2030

Mr. Turlov informs the delegates that the Qatar Chess Association and the Georgia Chess Federation have expressed interest in hosting the FIDE Chess Olympiad 2030, but no formal application meeting all the requirements has been received. He proposes to continue discussions with both federations and allow the Qatar Chess Association time to obtain the necessary guarantees from its Government. Should these not be provided, FIDE will invite the Georgia Chess Federation to submit the required documentation.

Mr. Howie reiterates the request of Mr. Freeman to make the Annex with the proposed Charter changes on the screen.

Mr. Bonham asks for clarification as to the scope of the previous vote, noting that he wishes to speak on item 5.1.5 and that other delegates may wish to discuss other items under 5.1.

Mr. Turlov clarifies that the amendments to Articles 18–23 of the FIDE Charter contained in Annex 5.1.1b have been approved and that the other proposals under item 5.1 have not yet been considered.

The General Assembly notes the readiness of the Qatar Chess Association and the Georgia Chess Federation to host the FIDE Chess Olympiad 2030 along with the FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities 2030 and FIDE Congress 2030. To instruct the FIDE Management Board to conduct negotiations with the Qatar Chess Association and, subject to the provision of official organizational and financial guarantees, to inform FIDE Council and sign the respective contract upon the formal approval. To note that in the event the official guarantees are not provided and the contract is not signed within the reasonable timeframe, the right to sign the contract shall pass to the Georgia Chess Federation, subject to the provision of the corresponding organizational and financial guarantees. To submit the final candidate for a formal approval to the Extraordinary General Assembly of FIDE, which will convene in late 2026.

Mr. Anand is now Chair of the meeting.

5.1.1 The FIDE Council's proposal regarding the FIDE Charter (continued).

Ms. Reizniece presents the FIDE Council's position on Annex 5.1.1a. She says that the proposal is to add the following: to ensure that all directors and officers of the Member Federation to be listed in the FIDE Directory, including rating officers, shall be registered with FIDE such that their nationality or territory stipulated within their individual FIDE ID corresponds to the nation or territory of that Member Federation. She adds that the purpose of the proposed new Article 11(s) is to uphold and strengthen the important principle that national federations should be run by nationals, or residents, of that country. It seeks to prevent the infiltration and exploitation of national federations for political, or pecuniary purposes, by foreign actors. Furthermore, given that FIDE IDs are often used to determine membership, and therefore voting rights, in smaller federations, this proposed amendment also seeks to end the not uncommon, but potentially dangerous and undemocratic practice of using foreign rating officers.

She adds that it is meant to ensure that no guest managers from sometime very distant countries manage some Federations.

Mr. Meyer-Dunker strongly objects to the proposed change of Article 11 of the FIDE Charter and claims that each Federation has a right to decide on membership in a Federation and who holds an office in the Federation. He reminds that recently a member of the English Chess Federation has been President of the German Chess Federation which has not been a problem for FIDE at all. He opines that this is against the autonomy of each Federation and invites all delegates to reject it.

Mr. Pein asks who actually thought of this proposal. He calls it interference in the Federations' rights, who decide who works for them and who their Rating officer is, and is some Federation there is a lack of expertise therefore they hire others. FIDE should not prevent Federations to use all the resources at their disposal. He calls for voting this proposal down and it is not brought on the table again so that the Council understands that Federations are independent and can decide who works for them.

Mr. Chikuse comments that this proposal is great and he calls on the delegates to approve it as Federations will be taking charge of their internal issues and internal administration. He thinks it does not reduce any partnerships but gives the sense of ownership and proper identity to the people who will manage the federation.

Mr. Short speaks with the permission of the Chair and the Legal Director's explanations. He explains that the proposal is aimed at preventing the infiltration of Federations by unscrupulous actors as there have been cases where individuals belonging to different Federations become Vice-Presidents in some other Federations. Regarding Rating Officers, there have been cases where individuals were registered as Rating Officers of several Federations. For Federations with no membership lists, it is vital that their Rating officer is from this Federation, to avoid various illegal activities by some individuals. He calls this a very important democratic procedure. He confirms that Federations are entitled to work with other nationals but these people should not be executives running Federations.

Mr. Stoettinger comments that a compromise could be that an employee can be from another Federation but an elected member of Federation's board should be of this Federation.

Mr. Lasse comments that their Federation is concerned and states that Federations should have a right to decide who they work with, who they appoint and who works for them. If there are problems in certain Federations, FIDE should strive to solve them, not by limiting democratic rights of the rest of Federations.

Mr. Hater says that the idea as presented by Mr. Short makes a lot of sense, however there are a lot of problems in implementation, as Rating officers need expertise and they have a lot of power. He recalls one of the rules that Rating Officers should in fact be IAs, as they coordinate activities with the Qualification Commission and other Commissions. He opines that the proposal wording should be further worked on as currently it is not ready to be adopted by the General Assembly.

Mr. Martynov proposes to postpone the discussion and vote on this proposal until the 2026 Online FIDE General Assembly.

Ms Barnes proposes that smaller Federations which can be affected by this change in the Statutes, are part of the on-going discussion prior to the Online General Assembly.

Mr. Anand confirms.

Mr. Borg draws the attention that the current wording is very much against the existing EU law where there is freedom of movement and if there are restrictions, it might contravene.

Mr. Anand comments that the EU Federations say they want the right of expertise to be universal.

The General Assembly resolves not to approve the proposed amendment of Article 11 of the FIDE Charter in its current form.

5.1.2 The FIDE Council’s proposal regarding the FIDE Electoral Rules.

Mr. Martynov presents the proposal in Annex 5.1.2. It is proposed to add the following paragraph to Article 3.6 of the FIDE Electoral Rules: “Sixty (60) days before the opening date of the General Assembly, each Member Federation may communicate to the FIDE Office, at

office@fide.com, the name of its FIDE Delegate's counsellor. After the sixty (60)-day deadline, a Member Federation that has not communicated the name of a FIDE Delegate's counsellor may not nominate a FIDE Delegate's counsellor. Until thirty (30) days before the opening date of the General Assembly, a Member Federation that has previously communicated the name of its FIDE Delegate's counsellor may communicate the name of a different counsellor, replacing the previously nominated FIDE Delegate's counsellor.. Communications received after the applicable deadlines will not be taken into account."

He underlines that this is about logistics and better preparation of the General Assembly. He adds that the final version reflects the position of the Constitutional Commission on this matter.

Mr. Priest draws the attention to the changes made in the wording of the Annex.

Mr. Meyer-Dunker says he as President of the German Chess Federation does not see the necessity of this proposal as again it interferes with the freedom of a Federation to decide and even on the spot on whoever they wish to take with them as councillors. So besides the convenience of the office, there is no real reason on why to restrict a Federation. He proposes to reject this proposal and leave the autonomy of Federations.

Mr. Rivello explains the rationale that the Office needs to know how many seats to provide and this is the reason for the proposed changes by Ms. Stoisavljevic here, just to have a better organisational plan and to inform the Organisers on how to prepare a hall for the General Assembly. So this is not a proposal by the Constitutional Commission but by the Council regarding the organisational matters.

Mr. Biagioli comments that he was strongly concerned about the first version of the proposed change but after the amendment and the explanations of Mr. Rivello it is understandable that the Secretariat is concerned about organisational matters. However, as it is a strictly organisational matter as long as the Federation expresses the wish to have a councillor, it is not understandable why it is proposed to have so many strict rules about the identity of this individual. He opines that the wording should be more liberal.

Mr. Sanusi comments that the change of a delegate is not a practical issue as long as the Federation announces that it will have a councillor. He says the wording might be changed but the flexibility of appointing a councillor should not be limited further.

Mr. Borg comments that this proposal goes against Article 17.3. of the FIDE Charter which supercedes and that is why it is better to make this as simple as possible. He agrees with Mr. Biagioli that the proposed version is too restrictive.

Ms. Stoisavljevic provides more clarification as the FIDE Office Head, saying that the office usually receives a lot of last moment requests, and not only about seats, as in each specific country which may organise a FIDE meeting, there are various requirements on when the exact list of names should be provided, security-wise and other requirements have to be met. She underlines that the proposed rules are aimed at facilitating the delegates procedures at getting required credentials, and feeling comfortable at their most important meeting, but it is very difficult sometimes to accommodate the last moment requests.

Mr. Freeman opines that the rule has been in existence since 1992 and if it is not broken, why change it and he does not understand why to change things which work well.

Mr. Geeraets asks about the status of the document with the proposed changes as in Annex 5.1.1b.

Mr. Martynov replies that the delegates voted for the whole document but legal wording of the document containing five pages should be changed. He provides also brief explanations for more technical changes and gives rationale behind the proposed change regarding the Chair of the Management Board. The final decision will belong to the President who will nominate the final composition of the Management Board to the Council. Mr. Martynov reiterates that the document was sent out to all one month prior to the General Assembly and was voted in full.

Mr. Geeraets opines that it was not made clear for the delegates regarding the position of the Management Board Chair and it also leaves legal questions, e.g. who is appointed and what is this person's relation with the General Assembly or it does not have control of this person. He also requests a presentation of all the changes in this rather large legal document as now he is not happy the way the document was presented and the voting procedure was not clear at all.

Mr. Dervishi comments that there are too many issues and especially, it is not appropriate that the General Assembly makes such rules about councillors, which could be an internal General Assembly rule. He understands the concerns of the office but thinks this has to be decided in an administrative way and not by including it into the Charter or electoral rules.

Mr. Anand thanks everyone for the comments and says that the document will be redrafted and brought back to the Online General Assembly.

The General Assembly resolves to instruct the FIDE Council to finalize the draft amendments to the FIDE Electoral Rules regarding nominations of the Counsellor and to submit the revised version at an General Assembly of FIDE, which will convene in late 2026.

5.1.3 The AIDEF's proposal regarding the inclusion of FIDE's bilingual institutional designation in the FIDE Charter.

Mr. Van Hoolandt presents the AIDEF proposals. First of all he congratulates Mr. Turlov on behalf of the AIDEF with his elections and wishes him a successful tenure.

Mr. Anand adds that the Council has discussed this proposal and supports it.

The General Assembly resolves to approve the amendments to the FIDE Charter proposed by AIDEF regarding the inclusion of Article 5.7.

5.1.4 The German, Iceland, Norwegian, Faroe Island Chess Federations' and Irish Chess Union's proposal regarding introduction of the Chess960 FIDE rating.

Mrs. Reizniece comments that the proposal stems from several Federations who also might want to say a few words but in general the proposal is that it is high time to introduce a separate rating for Chess 960 or Fischer Random Chess. She presents the position of the FIDE Council that although it is an important issue and is worth introducing, the Council would need more time to elaborate on this proposal and requests the mandate of the General Assembly to work on the mandate until June 1st 2027.

Mr. Meyer-Dunker thanks the Federations which joined the German Chess Federation in this proposal and says that more chess is always better and that is why when people want to compete

and play on this, FIDE should allow them to do it in a proper way. And if there is no rating, then the relevance is diminishing which is the problem for Fischer Random Chess, Freestyle Chess. He recalls that this proposal was raised at the General Assembly in Abu Dhabi in 2020 by Mr. Bjornsson. Mr. Meyer-Dunker says they have no problem with the Council's proposal but they would like to really see that something will be presented really at the beginning of June 2027.

Mr. Press speaks on behalf of the FIDE Qualification Commission and says that the Commission has looked and accepted this proposal and understands that there is a delay in implementing it. He also mentions that this proposal has already been accepted but not implemented because Organisers and Federations failed to submit tournaments. So it is important and incumbent that those Federations which submit this proposal, in fact organise and submit the tournaments for rating.

5.1.5 The Icelandic Chess Federation’s proposal regarding Fast Standard time limits.

Ms. Reizniece outlines the proposal and invites the Icelandic Chess Federation to present it.

She adds that the ongoing discussions have been held at the level of the Management Board and the FIDE Council together with the Qualification Commission whose point of view is rather negative regarding rushing the things because of the integrity of titles and norms. The Council while being positive in finding ways how to make chess more attractive, dynamic and entertaining, finds that some transition period is necessary. The Council suggests that the time control of 90 minutes plus 30 seconds increment can be regarded as standard classical time control, but not for titles and norms, while further analysis will be needed for the control of 45 minutes plus 30 seconds increment.

Mr. Press comments that the Qualification Commission is pleased that the FIDE Council has taken its advice on this because of the reasons stated by Ms. Reizniece. He also calls the Fast Standard a failed experiment because in lots of cases with its use, tournaments could have been rated unfairly. The Commission is happy with the recommendation that 60 minutes plus 30 seconds will be used as rating for all standard games, including for rating over 2400 and the Commission does not recommend a vote on this matter.

Mr. Bjornsson comments that the Icelandic Chess Federation requests the time control of 45 minutes plus 30 seconds increment to be used for titles and norms. Organisers can schedule three games per day, one norm may count towards any single title. He opines that the time control is getting shorter historically, and the change will be good for players, organisers and Federations.

Mr. Howie opines that it is too early to use this time control for titles and norms, as it should first be better understood in terms of effect in all aspects. Many will approve this proposal provided the provision regarding titles and norms has been removed.

Mr. Bologan says this is a revolutionary proposal from the Icelandic Chess Federation but today FIDE honoured Mr. O. Skvortsov who had come up with this idea some years ago and we see the evolution of the time control and the entire chess world. Mr. Bologan is greatly in favour of this proposal because currently the middle class players are in danger, as when he talks to many players on a daily basis, their motivation to go to a tournament and play for ten days is nearly zero and they prefer to teach online and to make money. He says in many countries, e.g.

Moldova young players with ratings as 2500 stop playing chess because of that. This proposal would give them economic motivation, and norms are important because without norms an open tournament does not have much value. However, FIDE should not dilute titles and at tournaments with such time control only one norm should be allowed. He says he has not met a single player, arbiter or organiser who is against this proposal. He also respects the opinion of the Qualification Commission but with all due respect the General Assembly is the highest body and if it decides, it will be just for the world of chess.

Mr. Bonham says that he supports the position of the Qualification Commission and proposes that any type of norms with the time control 45-30 should only be accepted with the approval of the Qualification Commission and not otherwise.

Mr. Mammedov comments that he fully supports the 45-30 time control and he believes that the future belongs to this time control. However, three games per day raises serious concerns regarding health of chess players and there should be maximum of two games per day.

Mr. Shulman speaks on behalf of Mr. Slav and expresses full support of the Israeli Chess Federation to this proposal. Mr. Slav recalls his discussion with Mr. D. Bronstein in 1992 when he said the future is with shorter time controls. This is a good point to promote viewers and television. He also shares concern of Mr. Mammedov regarding three rounds per day.

Mr. Meyer-Dunker comments that the proposal of the FIDE Council is too conservative and organisers and players wish the change for shorter time control very much. He is in favour of a compromise to adopt this time control but without allowing norms and titles and then to check again in two or three years how the situation is developing.

Mr. Herbert speaks about the area with a lot of small federations who have been experiencing financial difficulties in organising events and they are in favour of this proposal because then it makes the event more attractive as the players have to bear costs of travel and hotel and he is in favour of a three days event, and he is also in favour of one norm from events with this time control.

Mr. Press presents the objections of the Qualification Commission. The Commission believes that this would cheapen the titles and do injustice to all those who have achieved norms and titles with a longer time control and their aim is to protect the system. He believes that the proposal mostly favours organisers. He reiterates that the integrity of titles system should be preserved.

Mr. Martynov draws the attention of the General Assembly that the right to approve titles belongs to the FIDE Council. He refers to Article 17.2(h) of the FIDE Charter.

Mr. Yazici comments that according to the title regulations two norms are enough to get the title. It is necessary to put a constraint on the number of norms with this time control, when implementing it.

Mr. Cornet comments that the chess players are mostly of low rating, working players, students and they do not have a lot of time to go to tournaments with a long time control. The Belgian Chess Federation is in favour of this proposal.

Mr. Bongo Akanga Ndjila comments that him personally a long time control attracted to chess. And if one wants to get a title, it is not the title you can get in 10 minutes, you need to sweat

and make a lot of sacrifice for it. A lot of people want to accelerate, to cut corners, to get things done quickly, without hard work. So Gabon is against this fast time control. He agrees that things have changed and moved forward and there have been improvements, but now he believes there is a good compromise.

Ms. Johanssdottir reiterates that only one norm for each title can be received in tournaments with the proposed 45-30 time control.

Following the vote on both proposals, Mr Anand suggests that both proposals be postponed for the Online General Assembly because there is no clear majority here and the Assembly is not full.

Mr. Rivello confirms that the Council has legislative power but the General Assembly can instruct the Council and issue guidelines. He adds that it is possible to submit an appeal to the next General Assembly against the decision of the Council.

Mr. Martynov asks if this is correct that the decision of the General Assembly is to approve the proposal of the Icelandic Chess Federation and then it will be up to the FIDE Council to implement out guidelines and that nobody can deny the Council to once more ask the General Assembly to discuss the matter if the Council believes it is suitable.

Mr. Rivello confirms.

Mr. Anand says he will request the FIDE Council to present a new draft for the Online General Assembly. Mr. Martynov confirms that the Council has a right to propose an additional draft for the Online General Assembly, but the Resolution has been passed.

Mr. Howie comments the two proposals were voted against each other but we need numbers that it is not clear how many delegates have been present in the hall at the time of the vote.

Mr. Martynov announces that the Office is calculating the number of votes from three different parts.

Ms. Johannsdottir comments that this is her first FIDE General Assembly, it was her understanding that it has some power. She adds that the FIDE Council's proposal failed completely and the proposal of the Icelandic Chess Federation won by some numbers. She strongly objects that the FIDE Council can take the proposal of their Federation which has been approved at the General Assembly and then do something about it later.

Mr. Press explains that what has been approved is a proposal and then the real work has to be done to translate it into the regulations which will be included into the Handbook. It does not mean that changes will be made.

Mr. Martynov announces that 33 votes in favour of the Icelandic proposal and probably 10 against.

Mr. Anand says it is a low number for a big thing.

Mr. Freeman comments that based on the numbers you said, the abstentions should have also been counted as it looks like there is no quorum.

Mr. Solakoglu comments on behalf of the Events Commission that in general they are in favour of shorter time control but they are against having three rounds per day, especially in the youth tournaments one has to care about the meals and all preparations.

Mr. Bruce comments that there are a few matters bordering with legal come to the floor. Do we know how many delegates have been in the room to determine whether 33 is a majority. Do we know whether there is a quorum for us to take matters to vote.

How do we determine if there is a quorum. Mr. Bruce says the delegates have to be absolutely sure that there was a quorum and that the majority based on that quorum had passed the legalities and only then we can say that the Icelandic proposal was well before the floor and the Council is obligated to go by the regulations and approve.

Mr. Howie says that if five delegates agree then the roll-call has to take place to determine if there is quorum. He raised the point of order because it was said the motion had been passed and it seems that 33 are in favour and 10 against and not known how many abstentions.

Mr. Anand apologised he misunderstood the procedure.

The General Assembly resolves to approve the Icelandic Chess Federation's proposal regarding Fast Standard time limits.

Mr. O'Connor says he has done rough calculations and there are about 90 delegates present.

Mr. Rivello confirms that either five delegates or Chair can ask to check the quorum.

Mr. Geeraets supports this but also expresses his annoyance at the missing delegates. The flights and full board have been paid for a two-day General Assembly, so where are the people? He proposes to have a penalising mechanism. Being a delegate should be taken seriously.

At the request of the General Assembly, Mr. Anand conducted a roll call and announced that the quorum was no longer met and that, consequently, the General Assembly could not continue its proceedings.