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Motion to introduce Chess960 FIDE ratings

Dear members of the FIDE general assembly

On behalf of the German Chess Federation, Iceland Chess Federation, Norwegian Chess Federation, Irish Chess Union and Faroe Island Chess Federation we ask the general assembly to decide on the following:

FIDE will start to introduce and calculate FIDE ratings for Chess960 as soon as possible. The new rating should be open for Rapid and Classic time controls. Multiple ratings for different time controls could be introduced after a successful establishment of the new rating system.

Tournaments must be played according to FIDE Chess960 rules (Appendix F) and all other FIDE rules.

Current FIDE ratings should be used as a base rating. The same system as was used for implementing FIDE Blitz and Rapid ratings shall be used.

Chess960 has been growing. But without an existing rating system, it lacks an important, key competitive element, especially for broader audiences who play at a level far below world class. For many broader audiences the formula is simple: No rating, no relevance.

The time has come to introduce a separate rating system for Chess960. We ask for your approval of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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