

THE FIDE COUNCIL,

HAVING CONSIDERED the proposal of the Royal Dutch Chess Federation (Koninklijke Nederlandse Schaakbond – KNSB), supported by the Irish Chess Union, the Norwegian Chess Federation, and Chess Scotland, requesting that FIDE add the gender designation "X" to the FIDE Rating Database alongside the existing designations "M" and "F" (as set forth in Annex 5.1.6a to the 2026 General Assembly Agenda);

NOTING the KNSB's stated rationale that (i) the Kingdom of the Netherlands permits the official registration of the gender "X" on identity documents such as passports, (ii) the Netherlands Olympic Committee supports the registration of non-binary athletes, (iii) the KNSB has already incorporated the "X" designation into its own national rating administration, and (iv) a number of its members have requested that their FIDE profile reflect this designation;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that FIDE unites nearly 200 Member Federations, each operating within its own distinct national legal system, civil registry framework, data protection regime, and domestic sports legislation, with many Member Federations operating in countries where such a designation is neither legally recognised nor administratively available;

TURNING ATTENTION to the absence of any established precedent in comparable international sports federations;

EMPHASIZING the fundamental principle that any substantial amendment to FIDE's statutory framework, data administration systems, or registration policies must possess universal applicability, legal certainty, and the practical capacity to be uniformly enforced (be enforceable) across all Member Federations;

HEREBY RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

To acknowledge the legitimate domestic policy considerations underlying the KNSB's proposal, while recognising that the FIDE Rating Database must operate as a universally enforceable global instrument across jurisdictions with widely divergent legal frameworks.

NOT TO SUPPORT (to reject) the proposal in its current form due to the fact that it is unlikely to be legally and practically feasible at the global FIDE level due to the impossibility of its uniform enforcement across the jurisdictions of all Member Federations