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Ministry of Sports and Youth

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**Dear colleagues at the International Chess Federation
(FIDE)**

I kindly request that you include my letter below as a voting item on the agenda of the 2026 General Assembly. Proposed amendment to Article 3.3 of the FIDE Regulations on Membership Transfers

Current text:

"No membership transfer shall be considered complete until the previous federation submits a written letter of no objection, or until 90 days have passed since the previous federation was notified."

Proposed Text:

"No transfer may be completed without the written consent of the player's previous federation. An exception to this is if the Qualification Committee, upon a justified request supported by sufficient evidence, and after giving both the previous and new federations an opportunity to present their observations, is satisfied that the previous federation unjustifiably prevented the player from participating in official competitions, training activities, or other recognized chess activities, or that it committed a serious violation of the player's sporting rights. In this case, the Qualification Committee may authorize the transfer without requiring the previous federation's consent. Any such decision must be justified and issued in writing."

Mr. President,

Honorable Members of the General Assembly of the International Chess Federation,

This proposal aims to establish a fair and balanced legal framework that protects the legitimate interests of FIDE member federations and the fundamental sporting rights of chess players, especially those from less affluent federations that invest heavily in developing young players and then lose their players at the slightest temptation, creating animosity between federations due to a sense of injustice.

In addition to violating the FIDE motto (All One Family), national federations are the cornerstone of the international chess community. They discover talent, invest financial and human resources in player development, provide training, organize competitions, and represent players at both the national and international levels. These contributions deserve recognition and appropriate legal protection.

Under the current wording of Article 3.3, a transfer can be completed automatically after ninety (90) days, even without the consent of the player's previous federation. This contradicts the FIDE motto, especially for players under the age of 18.

Dear members of the General Assembly, let us work together to strengthen our chess family and eliminate anything that could sow discord among us.

Note: I have lost several players under this article, two of whom are very talented:

1- 7601450 Tarboush, Ward (Norway)

2- 7607580 Yaghi, Lin (France)

**Best more Regards
Syrian chess federation president
Ali Abbas**

