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To
FIDE President
FIDE Office
FIDE Member Federations
Members of the FIDE Congress

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Motion to approve 45+30 as a classical time control without limitations

Dear members of the FIDE general assembly

On behalf of the Icelandic Chess Federation we ask the general assembly to decide on the following:

1. The time control of 45 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move (45+30) shall be recognised as a full classical (standard) time control. Tournaments played under this time control shall be eligible for FIDE standard ratings and for title norms without the current special limitations that require prior Qualification Commission approval restricted to major or traditional events only.
2. Organisers of tournaments using the 45+30 time control shall be permitted to schedule a maximum of three (3) games per day. (The present restriction of two rounds per day shall be lifted.)
3. Only one norm achieved in a tournament using the 45+30 time control may be counted towards any single FIDE title (GM, IM, WGM, WIM, etc.).

All other FIDE regulations concerning ratings, titles, tournament organisation and fair play remain fully applicable.

The introduction of the so-called Fast Classic format has already demonstrated clear benefits: shorter overall event duration, reduced travel and accommodation costs, greater accessibility for both professional and amateur players, and continued high quality of play. Removing the remaining administrative and scheduling restrictions will allow the format to realise its full potential, particularly for open tournaments and for the broader chess community for whom the traditional multi-day classical schedule is often prohibitive.

The safeguard of counting at most one such norm towards any title preserves the integrity and prestige of the FIDE title system while still offering players a valuable additional path to norms.

The time has come to treat 45+30 as a regular classical time control. We ask for your approval of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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