



**National Olympic Committee
of the Islamic Republic of Iran**



President

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**Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich
President
International Chess Federation**

Subject: Iranian Chess Federation

Dear Mr. Dvorkovich

While respecting and wishing you good health in this difficult situation and challenging time, regarding the notable letter of Mr. Nigel Short, the Vice President of that federation, addressed to the Chess Federation of Iran, a few points are informed:

The Chess Federation of Iran, with a membership of 45,252 chess players in the country, is one of the main centers of youth activity at the national level.

Since its establishment until today, this federation has acted within the framework of the Olympic Charter and the Statute of the International Federation and is actively involved in all Asian and World events.

No official ban has been imposed by the Iranian authorities on national federations to participate in international events, but a number of athletes, based on their personal beliefs and the culture of their families, avoid attending certain events, which is a matter of pretext for Mr. Nigel Short.

By inviting your Excellency, the Secretary General and the Board of Directors of the World Federation to be present in Iran and to give a concrete review of the extensive activities of the Chess Federation and the enthusiasm of the youth in this field, you will get a more accurate assessment of the existing realities.



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For your kind information, the Ministry of Sports and Youth and the National Olympic Committee, as the responsible organizations in the national arena, have interacted and cooperated closely with 57 International Federations, but unfortunately, instead of relying on these extensive relations, the Vice President Mr. Short, refers to the challenge between only one of National Federation (Judo) with International Federation of the discipline.

Given your extensive experience and unique understanding of the existing realities, we can resolve the existing problems through interaction, negotiation and constructive dialogue.

It is suggested that this issue be removed from the agenda of next week's FIDE General Assembly so that the parties can move in a constructive and right way.

Thank you very much for your support and looking forward to hearing from you in this regard.

With best regards,

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