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Dear Fellow Delegates and FIDE Friends;

Canada supports the resolution put forth by Nigel Short and Malcolm Pein.

It is with a heavy heart that we tackle this unpleasant matter, particularly when it means taking action against such an exceptional chess power as Iran. But we cannot ignore their behaviour and we must not accept it.

The continued acts of discrimination against Israeli players by the Iranian Federation are a breach of the FIDE statutes. These actions insult the very essence of our values. What is worse is the use of their own website to politicize, and even glamorize these boycotts. It is our duty as FIDE to oppose this behaviour in the strongest possible manner.

The materials provided by the Iran Chess Federation and the Iran NOC were reviewed with interest. Their arguments were either tangential or factually disputed. Sadly this discriminatory situation is not new and we believe their time is up.

The proposed resolution is firm but fair and looks to the future. It is like a final yellow card. Any acts of discrimination at the behest of the Iranian Chess Federation on or after January 1 of 2021 shall result in immediate suspension of the Iranian Federation.

Let us hope that the Iranian Chess Federation is able to comply with the FIDE statutes and will continue to thrive.

Sincerely,

Hal Bond, Delegate
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