

(Proposal made by Noureddine Tabbane FIDE General Secretary)

PROJECT TO CHANGE FIDE STATUTES (article A.01-4.12)

Concern: Cycle Meeting of FIDE General Assembly

The General Assembly must be held every year

Reasons:

Elista General Assembly amended FIDE statutes. It was decided that General Assembly would meet every two (2) years. Executive board was granted the privilege to replace General Assembly in the non-year Olympiad. However decisions taken by Executive Board must be confirmed by the next General Assembly.

1) This doesn't match with most situations that Chess World is facing. The modern world is moving so fast that many decisions, which belong to the highest authority in FIDE, must be taken immediately and cannot, wait the next General Assembly meeting, which, many times, is scheduled for more than eighteen months.

This was, for instance, and is still the case of the several amendments of the World Championship regulations.

2) This is contrary to the spirit of democracy, which requires that, important decisions must be the solely privilege of the majority of national federations. It is not normal that decisions with respect of FIDE finances are taken every two years. General Assembly has to approve every year FIDE expenses and FIDE Budgets.

3) General Assembly meetings are also the opportunity for world chess to meet, exchange opinions and explain national problems that member's federations are facing. For small and poor federation this is the only opportunity to travel and meet FIDE people as their government accept to finance only the expenses for General Assembly meetings.

4) If the FIDE General Assembly is held every year, this will permit to Continental Assembly to assemble in the same period.

5) FIDE is the unique International Institution where voices and chooses of member's are not heard once a year but only every two years.

6) A big majority of member's federations complains against this two (2) years cycle meeting and express their wishes to return to the one (1) year cycle meeting.

These are the reasons that involved me making the proposal to amend FIDE statutes in view to return to the one (1) year cycle meeting.

The approval of this proposal needs the amendment of art A.01- 4.12 of FIDE Statutes

Actual article A. 01 - 4.12

The regular General Assembly is held every Olympiad year - or every other year beginning in 1998. It is convened by the President.

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