

FIDE Secretariat

From: <qyws@public.bta.net.cn>
To: <office@fide.com>
Sent: Παρασκευή, 30 Ιουλίου 2004 12:23 μμ
Subject: from China

Dear Polina,

Thank you for your email and fax concerning Taiwan issue. We have reported this matter to our head organ of Sport General Administration of China. After we get response, we will discuss with FIDE further about it.

Our Association regard it as top important.

Thank you!

Abigail Tian
Chinese Chess Association

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-----Original Message-----
From: FIDE Secretariat [mailto:office@fide.com]
Sent: 20 July 2004 12:23
To: Samir Arora; Ignatius Leong
Cc: Deifer; Israel; Kalyanachandran
Subject: Re: Taiwan's Entry in FIDE

We have sent the fax to Mr. Leong and he is expected to speak to them.

Polina

-----Original Message-----

FIDE Secretariat

From: "Ignatius Leong" <ignatiusleong@pacific.net.sg>
To: "FIDE Secretariat" <office@fide.com>; "Sand Morten" <morten.sand@legaliz.no>
Cc: "Gelfer Israel" <gelfer@fide.com>; <kalmykia@center.ru>
Sent: Τετάρτη, 21 Ιουλίου 2004 10:52 πμ
Subject: RE: Taiwan's Entry in FIDE

Polina and All,

Before speaking to Abigail, my guess was that the concerns of the Chinese chess leadership were those I had drafted in my last sentence and my guess was right.

In the first para, you must NOT state any reference to Taiwan as a country (I used the word "place" which has UN or IOC membership). I think you could safely use the first 2 para in your official reply. Add one last para (do it yourself!) to show Kirsan's appreciation of the CCA in promoting development of the sport. This letter should be signed by Kirsan. Ignatius

Dear Abigail,

FIDE understands the importance of the matter. Hence, upon receipt of the application for membership from Taiwan Chess Association, FIDE had checked and confirmed that Taiwan is a member of the International Olympic Committee, which is one of the conditions. Henceforth, FIDE was of the opinion that there was no need to inform the Chinese Chess Association.

At the Presidential Board in Tripoli, it was further decided that FIDE shall conform with IOC guidelines on issues relating to Taiwan; for example, on its name, flag etc ...

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From: FIDE Secretariat [mailto:office@fide.com]
Sent: 20 July 2004 19:55
To: Sand Morten; Ignatius Leong
Cc: Gelfer Israel; kalmykia@center.ru
Subject: Fw: Taiwan's Entry in FIDE

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Polina

----- Original Message -----

From: <qyws@public.bta.net.cn>
To: <office@fide.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2004 11:03 AM
Subject: Taiwan's Entry in FIDE

> Dear Polina,
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> We were informed by one of the FIDE officials that Taiwan is applying to become a member of FIDE.

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> Taiwan is one of the provinces of China. If Taiwan wants to do so, FIDE need to consult China on many issues concerned.

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> Kindly inform Chinese Chess Association about the present situation and regard it as top important and serious.

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> Thank you so much.

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> Best wishes

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> Abigail Tain

> Director of International Liaison

> Chinese Chess Association

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It is well known that Taiwan is one part of China that cannot be separated. Chinese Chess Association and Chinese government pay much attention and importance to this issue. Kindly inform us the present situation. We do hope that this issue will not arouse any other problems.

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中国象棋协会 CHINESE CHESS ASSOCIATION

TOP urgent!!!

Moscow, 23 July 2004

Mr. Chen Zude
President
Chinese Chess Association
Beijing

Beijing July 20, 2004

Attn.: His Excellency Kirsan ILYUMZHINOV, FIDE President

Fax: (7)095-249 87 41

Your Excellency, FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov,

Chinese Chess Association is very shocked to learn that Taiwan is applying its membership of FIDE and has been approved at the board meeting in Libya but FIDE did not inform Chinese Chess Association in advance.

It is well known that Taiwan is one part of China that cannot be separated. Chinese Chess Association and Chinese government pay much attention and importance to this issue. Kindly inform us the present situation. We do hope that this issue will not arouse any other problems.

Looking forward to the soonest reply from FIDE.

Chen Zude

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President

Chinese Chess Association



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Moscow, 23 July 2004

Mr. Chen Zude
President
Chinese Chess Association
Beijing

Fax: 86 10 67 10 15 22

Dear Mr. Chen,

Thank you for your fax and email of 20 July 2004.

FIDE fully understands the importance of the matter. Hence, upon receipt of the application for the membership from Taiwan Chess Association, FIDE had checked and confirmed that Taiwan is a member of the International Olympic Committee, which is one of the conditions. Henceforth, FIDE was of the opinion that there was no need to inform the Chinese Chess Association.

At the meeting of the FIDE Presidential Board in Tripoli, it was further decided that FIDE shall conform with the IOC guidelines on the issues relating to Taiwan, e.g. the name, the flag, the abbreviation etc.

Mr. Chen, please note that FIDE greatly appreciates all the activities of the Chinese Chess Association in promoting chess development in Asia and all over the world as well as the success of the chess players from your great country.

Thank you so much.

Best regards,

Kirsan Ilyumzhinov
President



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Athens, 1 September 2004

Mr. Chen Zude
President
Chinese Chess Association
Beijing

Fax: 86 10 671 01 522

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your fax of 26 August 2004.

We once again reiterate that FIDE greatly appreciates the support of the Chinese Chess Association and its efforts in the task of popularisation of chess in the world as well as has great respect for the achievements of the Chinese chess players.

Regarding your questions, please note the following:

1. According to the FIDE Statutes, the highest body, FIDE General Assembly, takes the final decision on the issue of new membership. The FIDE Presidential Board in Tripoli considered the formal application of the Chess Federation of Chinese Taipei and recommended it for ratification by the General Assembly.
2. Please note that FIDE as the International Sports Federation affiliated to the International Olympic Committee is following the IOC procedure in everything referring to the name, flag and logo. The Chess Federation of the Chinese Taipei has informed us that the logo will be provided to FIDE at the end of September.

We also took note of your request in respect of China.

Once again, FIDE does respect any rights of any sovereign country and FIDE is not a political organisation, as its aim is to popularise chess in the whole world and create better conditions for its chess players and National Federations to enjoy our great sport.

Thank you so much.

Best regards,

Kirsan Ilyumzhinov
President



中国象棋协会 CHINESE CHESS ASSOCIATION

Beijing, 26 August, 2004

Attn.: His Excellency
Kirsan Ilyumzhinov
President of FIDE

Fax: (7)095-2498741
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From: Chen Zude
President of Chinese Chess Association

Your Excellency,

Since I received your fax of July 23, 2004, one month has passed. Taiwan issue is a serious problem for China. Our government pays much attention to it. Because I have reported this matter to General Sport Administration of China, I could not write back to you on time. I apologize for the late reply.

Each country has its own territory issue just as your country Russia does. Your Excellency is always friendly to China. Chinese Chess Association has been supporting FIDE all along. I do believe that Your Excellency and FIDE accept only one China in the world and Taiwan is an inalienable part of the inviolable territory of China. Even International Olympic Committee has consulted with China concerning Taiwan's membership.

I appreciate what you wrote in your letter "FIDE greatly appreciates all the activities of the Chinese Chess Association in promoting chess development in Asia and all over the world as the success of the chess players from your great country". Our Association will continue to do so and support FIDE as before.

On Taiwan issue, I hope that FIDE can answer the following three points:

1. When and who will finally decide Taiwan's membership in FIDE? Would FIDE kindly provide the details concerning Taiwan issue at the meeting of the FIDE Presidential Board in Tripoli?

2. Kindly provide the name, flag, emblem, anthem etc relating to Taiwan in FIDE. *end Sept.*

3. In the future, when FIDE makes any decisions on China, please inform Chinese Chess Association first. I am very grateful for...

Kindly respect our rights as a sovereignty country.

Let's wish the maximum success of the 36th Chess Olympiad in Spain.

Best wishes

Chen Zude

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President
Chinese Chess Association

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