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Subject: Stateless players

> World Chess Federation

> Government House, 358000 Elista, Kalmykia

> Care of Mr Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, President

>

> December, 1, 2004

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> Dear Mr President,

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> I am sending you this letter to enquire whether it would be possible for

> stateless persons to enter your Federation under the flag of the United

> Nations.

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> The 1954 Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons establishes our

> status in a less than clear way, and does not allow us to acquire

> citizenship of any country. Stateless persons are therefore a section of

> society who are often discriminated against and whose fundamental rights

> are not respected, e.g. citizenship rights and others. The Latvian

> Republic is a clear example of this kind of discrimination.

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> Considering this situation, I hereby ask you whether it would be possible

> for the next FIDE congress to consider the following points:

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> 1. admission of stateless players to the FIDE ratings under UN flag;

> 2. permission for a team of stateless players to participate in the

> Olympiads.

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> I do hope that as President of an organisation whose motto is gens una

> sumus , you will understand the importance of this problem.

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> In thanking you very much for your kind attention, I invite you to write

> to this address for any more information that you might require:

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> I look forward to your reply.

> Best regards,

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