

**77th FIDE Congress
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**Committee on Women' Chess
Alekhine Room
27 May 2006
21.00-23.00**

In Chair: Mr. I. Leong

Present:S. Milivojevic (SCG), J. Chaves (BRA), H. Reimova (TKM), E. Ellapen (RSA), D. Frick (RSA), A. Laubschner (RSA), M. Geldieva (TKM), G. Boyce (TRI), D. Ameen (IRQ), I.Kayumova (UZB), J. Chaves Garcez Leme (BRA).

Development Commission Chairman Ignatius Leong called the meeting to order at 2115 hour.

Mr Leong informed the attendees that two important decisions were taken at its meeting in Halkidiki Congress 2003. Both decisions were endorsed by the Executive Board Meeting 2003.

The most important being that the team composition at the women's Olympiads, starting Dresden 2008, will comprise 4 players and 1 reserve.

Another decision was to qualify the winner of the women's Olympiad as a regular team in the world team championship.

Ms Milivojevic requested to have a series of grand prix events. She suggested that 3 events be held every year – alternating with the Olympiad years. Mr Leong said he would discuss this project with the relevant parties.

Ms Joara Chavez proposed to have a challenge match between the women's world champion and, for example, the 20th ranked men's player. If she wins, then she challenges the 19th ranked and so on.

Ms Mehri Geldyeva asked about the team composition for the Asian Games. Mr Leong responded that the decision taken by the Olympic Council of Asia is irrevocable. The mixed team event will comprise 2 men and 1 woman. However, in the Asian Indoor Games in Macau 2007, the organising committee agreed to accept the proposal for 2 men and 2 women to form the mixed team.

Mr Leong called on the women attendees to come forward to serve FIDE in the various committees. That the women's world champion is a voting member on the Presidential Board is not enough. He encouraged more women to contest the FIDE election.

The meeting elected Mrs. Reimova as Chairperson of the Committee.

Ignatius Leong
Chairman, Development Commission