

To  
His Excellency Kirsan ILYUMZHINOV  
President FIDE

Sir,

Sub: Proposal to include in the agenda for the FIDE Congress - Segregation of India into a single zone

At present India, a strong chess playing nation is in Zone 3.2 of Asia. It is a well known fact that India has emerged as a super power in chess, the following few examples consolidating it:

The present World champion Viswanathan Anand hails from India Current World No.2 among women and of course the world's best player in the women circuit (as World No.1 Judit Polgar is playing only in the men circuit), Koneru Humpy is an Indian.

India can be proud of being the only country to have produced the World champions in the open and girls' category of the World Junior championships in the same year – current year

The success story of the Indian youth is revealed by many amazing figures – to cite a few:

- i) Winning the World Youth Olympiad for two successive years 2007 and 2008, ahead of strong nations like Russia, Armenia, England, Georgia, Philippines, Azerbaijan, Armenia etc.
- ii) India winning at least one gold medal every year in the World Youth championships for the past several years. India was seeded as high as second in the previous Olympiad at Turin, showcasing its overall strength India has more than 8750 registered and rated players with Elo rating. It has 18 GMs and 56 IMs, besides 9 WGMs and 19 WIMs and 69 international arbiters India organizes many official FIDE championships (2007 & 2008 – Asian Junior and Commonwealth championships) every year, besides more than 70 FIDE rated and international tournaments leading to GM and other norms

If India is separated into a single zone, it is not the only beneficiary, as the other countries in zone 3.2 will produce many title holders and norms from the zonal championships (In the current year, India deprived other countries of winning any title or norms, as their players

finished 1-2-3 in the zonals). Indirectly, it promotes chess in other countries, by evoking response from their players Already many countries like Russia and China are single country zones

Hence, it is requested that the following proposal may be included in the agenda of the General Assembly of the FIDE Congress to be held at Dresden in November, 2008.

Proposal

It is proposed to create a new zone in Asia 3.7, with India being the only member of the zone

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

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