


**CHESS FEDERATION OF ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

Elista, 6 April 2012

**His Excellency  
Kirsan Illyumizhinov  
FIDE President**

**Your Excellency:**

With many thanks and congratulations for your 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and warm hospitality during the Elista FIDE Presidential Board meeting.

 We hereby request to add Persian language, Farsi as one of the official FIDE languages. As you know, Farsi is the official language of Iran and Afghanistan and many people in Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Iraq and Pakistan speak Farsi.

And there is a wealth of chess literature in Farsi, with more than 700 poems about chess in the Persian language and also more than 20 chess books and magazines are published in Farsi every year. At the moment we have more than 200 chess books in Farsi.

Iran Chess Federation also accepts the responsibility of publishing all Chess Rules in Farsi on the FIDE website and translating the necessary pages of the Handbook and FIDE news into Farsi.

Thank you so much.

Truly yours,

**Mohammad Jafar Kambouzia  
FIDE Vice President and  
President of Iran Chess Federation**

