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Governmental support to host the Chess Olympiad in Tromsø in 2014

In May 2009 the Norwegian Government, represented by the Ministry of Culture, received an application from bid organization ***Chess Tromsø 2014*** - owned by the Municipality of Tromsø and the Norwegian Chess Federation - for support in order to host and stage the 2014 Chess Olympiad in Tromsø.

The Ministry of Culture believes that organizing the Chess Olympiad in Tromsø will be of great importance for the development of the chess sport in Norway. The Chess Olympiad is a very prestigious event which will generate international attention for the High North region and enhance the Government's cultural ambitions there.

Based on this, the Norwegian majority Government represented by the Ministry of Culture has decided to advise the Norwegian Parliament to grant ***Chess Tromsø 2014*** 70 million NOK, equivalent to 11.9 million USD, in financial support of a total budget of 119 million NOK (20.2 million USD). The proposed financial support will be given in the form of a grant.

The Norwegian Government wholeheartedly supports the Tromsø bid and looks forward to the possibility of hosting such a great international event to coincide with the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Norwegian constitution and the 100th anniversary of the Norwegian Chess Federation. We hope FIDE recognizes our support and looks favorably on the bid from Tromsø.

Yours sincerely,



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