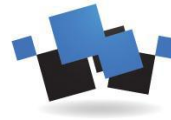


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**TO:**  
**FIDE Council and**  
**FIDE Management Board**  
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**Re: Adoption of Regulations for Organising Chess Activities in Occupied Territories**

Dear Members of the FIDE Council and FIDE Management Board,

The Ukrainian Chess Federation (“UCF”) writes to respectfully request an update regarding the Council’s preparation and adoption of regulations dealing with the governance and organisation of chess activities in occupied territories.

As the Council is aware, on 12 September 2024, the Appeal Chamber to the FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Committee (“EDC”) issued a decision recommending “that the FIDE Council prepares and adopts a set of general regulations dealing with the governance and organisation of chess activities in occupied territories as well as the need for FIDE’s approval and monitoring of the situations that exist or may arise in this context.”<sup>1</sup> As the EDC Appeal Chamber noted, “FIDE . . . is confronted with many territorial disputes between different federations . . . which may warrant different treatment.”<sup>2</sup> The Appeal Chamber highlighted FIDE’s “omission to formulate rules and regulations” on the matter,<sup>3</sup> and “the fact that some FIDE member federations do not comply strictly with the FIDE Charter in the context of territorial disputes[.]”<sup>4</sup>

To this end, and noting “the urgency of the matter, as the CFR remains in default of its obligations under the Charter in relation to the occupied Ukrainian territories,” the EDC Appeal Chamber suggested that a period of 3 (three) months would be a reasonable time period to prepare and adopt such regulations.<sup>5</sup> Given that nearly 7 (seven) months have now elapsed, and

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<sup>1</sup> Appendix 1 (Case No: 11/2023(A): Alleged Violation of the Fide Charter and the EDC Code Related to the Russian Invasion of Ukraine), ¶ 22.12.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at ¶ 22.9.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at ¶ 22.10.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at ¶ 22.11.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at ¶ 22.12.

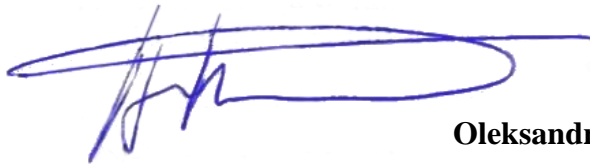
the fact that the CFR's breaches on this matter have only grown (as detailed in the UCF's letter dated 25.04.2025 the UCF respectfully requests an update on the steps taken in furtherance of the Appeal Chamber's recommendation and the status of the drafting process.

The UCF respectfully requests an opportunity to comment on any existing drafts or otherwise contribute to the preparation of these regulations. As a national chess federation whose territorial integrity and sovereignty continues to be violated by the Chess Federation of Russia,<sup>6</sup> the UCF has both an interest in these regulations and unique insight into the situations they are intended to address.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the FIDE President or another appropriate representative of FIDE Council or its Management Board provide the UCF with an update on the FIDE Council's progress in developing regulations governing chess activities in occupied territories, and indicate the best way for the UCF to consult FIDE in the preparation of such regulations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, which is of critical importance to the UCF.

**Sincerely,  
UCF President**



**Oleksandr KAMYSHIN**



Enclosed: Appendix 1 - FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Commission Appeal Chamber  
Decision Case No: 11/2023(A): Alleged Violation of the FIDE Charter and the  
EDC Code Related to the Russian Invasion of Ukraine.

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<sup>6</sup> *Id.* at ¶ 22.12 (the EDC Appeal Chamber noting “the CFR remains in default of its obligations under the Charter in relation to the occupied Ukrainian territories”).