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Dear Chairmen of FIDE Commissions,

Dear Presidents and Delegates of FIDE Member Federations,

The Presidential Board attributed me the task and the honour to chair a group of experts charged to prepare a proposal of full reform of the current FIDE Statutes, that then was revised by the Constitutional Commission I chair as well.

FIDE needs this reform, not only because the current FIDE Statutes was written many decades ago and the role of international sports federations is completely different today, in a completed different society, but mainly because we need to move in the direction of a more modern, transparent, democratic and efficient institution and the main rules of our organisation have a fundamental role to play to make this possible.

We have tried to draft a juridically correct and comprehensive text, that we propose to call FIDE Charter.

The clarification of the system of FIDE rules and regulations, the specification of FIDE principles, the introduction of revised rules for membership -to avoid the too many cases of disputes that were registered in the recent past-, the clarification of the notion of FIDE organ, a full revision of FIDE organisation, with a General Assembly that can have annual meetings and really discuss all the most important issues, a Council that will have the concrete possibility to supervise non-elected Commissions and will receive some “legislative powers” on regulations drafted by these Commissions, a Management Board charged of executive and administrative functions, an improved and updated role of Zonal Presidents who will regularly meet with the President and the Continental Presidents in a Zonal Council, an improved role of the three independent elected commissions -that we propose to elect not at the same time of presidential and general election, making them stronger and underlying their role of counterbalance to the “political” organs-, a Justice Commission with different chambers and permanent Investigatory bodies, a concrete application of gender balance and other principles, a general refuse to use proxies. These are some of the many proposed novelties.

If the FIDE Charter will be approved, then all other FIDE rules and regulations will be updated, starting with Electoral Rules, that on purpose we preferred to not draft at the same time of the FIDE Charter, given their political implications in connection with future elections.

We send you herewith the draft we prepared. It will be discussed during the meeting of the Presidential Board scheduled in Budapest on 7th of September 2019. All FIDE Member Federations and Commissions are invited to send comments about this proposal, possibly before the 26th of August 2019, to be taken into account by the Presidential Board. Then, a revised draft will be the object of an Extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly, in the following months.

I thank you in advance for your attention and for all your ideas, comments and proposals.

Best regards.

Turin, 28th of July 2019

Roberto Rivello
Chairman of the FIDE Constitutional Commission