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FIDE CONGRESS AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023**

Dear friends,

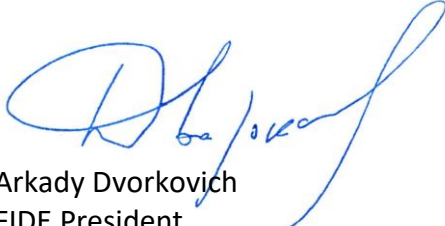
On behalf of the International Chess Federation, it is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to all of you. As President of FIDE, I am honoured to invite you to our annual Congress and General Assembly 2023, a pivotal event in our calendar, which this year further to the decision of the FIDE Council, will be held online.

In this connection, I am heartened to welcome Presidents and delegates, Commission members, FIDE Council and Zonal Council members as well as Management Board and Advisory Board members to take an active part in all the meetings of the FIDE Congress, during the period from 11 to 17 December 2023.

The annual General Assembly is a time of reflection, collaboration and decision-making that will shape the future of our chess activities in all the countries and worldwide as we will review our progress in top events and social programme as well as plan our work for the next year which is the 100th anniversary of FIDE and Chess Olympiad 2024 year. An opportunity for a dialogue as your input and contribution is very valuable to the Council and me personally as we will make sure that despite the online format, the event will remain interactive, engaging and informative for all attendees.

I am looking forward to making the 2023 FIDE Congress a productive and constructive event together with all of you.

Gens una sumus – We are one family.


Arkady Dvorkovich
FIDE President

Annex – FIDE Council decision



ANNEX FIDE COUNCIL DECISION

The FIDE Council has approved the decision of holding the FIDE General Assembly online, on December 17, 2023 (Sunday).

According to the FIDE Charter, the Assembly, together with the meetings of the Zonal Council, the FIDE Council, and the Commissions, forms the FIDE Congress, which dates are as follows:

- FIDE Commissions meetings: December 11-13, 2023.
- FIDE Council meeting: December 14, 2023.
- FIDE Zonal Council meeting: December 16, 2023
- FIDE General Assembly: December 17, 2023.

The exact time of the meetings, agenda, hosting platform, and invitation link will be provided in future communication.

If your National Federation or Affiliated Organization would like to propose an item to be included in the online General Assembly agenda, please provide the FIDE Office with all the necessary documents, using the email office@fide.com. According to the FIDE Charter, these proposals should reach the FIDE offices at least two months before the opening date of the General Assembly, so please make sure to send them by October 17, 2023.

We would also like to draw your attention to the provisions of Article 17.6 of the FIDE Charter and the requirements for delegates. Regarding the Commissions meetings, the meeting of a Commission may be held at an earlier date than the one proposed here, taking into account the opinion of the Commission members.