



The Jamaica Chess Federation

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## MOTION TO REMOVE FIDE PRESIDENT

### WHEREAS

1. President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov (*hereafter called "the FIDE President"*) has not kept a number of the promises he made during the last World Chess Federation ("**FIDE**") Presidential campaign, including promises made on the 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2014, the day of the Presidential election at the Congress or General Assembly of FIDE in Tromso, Norway to provide specific sums for funding Chess activities.

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President: Ian Wilkinson QC; Vice-Presidents: Mark Holness, Peter Myers, Jomo Pitterson;  
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Warren Elliott, Terence Lindo, Malaku Lorne, Mikhail Solomon

## **AND WHEREAS**

2. Since in or about late 2015, the US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("**OFAC**") has imposed sanctions on the FIDE President for, among other things, allegedly "*materially assisting and acting for or on behalf of the Government of Syria and the Central Bank of Syria*".

## **AND WHEREAS**

3. By virtue of the said sanctions by OFAC, any assets owned by the FIDE President in the United States of America are frozen and citizens of the United States of America are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with the FIDE President.

## **AND WHEREAS**

4. The citizens of the United States of America include members of the United States Chess Federation, including any governing administration and players, with whom FIDE, in particular the FIDE President, is obligated to deal by virtue of his office as president of FIDE.

## **AND WHEREAS**

5. Based, among other things, on the said sanctions by OFAC against the FIDE President, FIDE's operations, including its bank accounts, have been adversely affected or are likely to be adversely affected or subject to restrictions by OFAC.

## **AND WHEREAS**

6. The operations of the Confederation of Chess for the Americas ("*FIDE America*") to which Jamaica belongs have also been adversely affected, or are likely to be affected, as a direct result of the sanctions by OFAC against the FIDE President.

## **AND WHEREAS**

7. In or about December, 2015 the FIDE President purportedly gave up his powers as President pending the resolution of the OFAC sanctions against him but, nevertheless, since then he has appeared at a number of events in his official capacity as President of FIDE.

## **AND WHEREAS**

8. In or about April, 2015 the FIDE President was elected as the Associate Members' Council member on the Sport Accord Council but in or about late 2015 and 2016 the FIDE President was removed from the Sport Accord Council as the representative of the Associate Members and duly replaced.

## **AND WHEREAS**

9. FIDE's reputation (and by extension the reputation of the sport of Chess) has suffered significantly due to the OFAC sanctions against the FIDE President with serious consequences, including loss of potential income, sponsorship opportunities and other forms of support for FIDE.

## **AND WHEREAS**

10. The said sanctions by OFAC have prevented the FIDE President from carrying out his duties as President of FIDE effectively. Further, while the said sanctions are in place they will continue to prevent the FIDE President from being effective or from discharging his responsibilities properly or

at all.

## **AND WHEREAS**

**11.** The said OFAC sanctions against the FIDE President have devalued and/or weakened significantly the office of President of FIDE and brought disrepute and/or public scandal to the said office.

## **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**

- A.** **THAT** the delegates or members of FIDE gathered at the Congress/General Assembly in Baku, Azerbaijan in September, 2016 call on the FIDE President to resign immediately as President of FIDE.
- B.** **THAT** if the FIDE President fails, neglects or refuses to resign as President of FIDE that the delegates or members of FIDE gathered at the Congress/General Assembly in Baku, Azerbaijan in September, 2016 vote to remove the FIDE President as President of FIDE.
- C.** **THAT** the delegates or members of FIDE gathered at the Congress/General Assembly in Baku, Azerbaijan in September, 2016,

acting pursuant to the relevant FIDE statutes and/or regulations, authorize the Presidential Board, or any relevant official or body, to take the necessary steps to ensure that a new President of FIDE is elected as quickly as possible.

***Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016***  
***Ian G. Wilkinson QC***  
***President (and Delegate)***  
***Jamaica Chess Federation***

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ian G. Wilkinson', written over the printed name and title.