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THE RULES COMMISSION

Subject: **Rules Commission report to the FIDE Council**

Summary:

- 1. Laws of Chess re-write project:**
 - A. Lausanne session and quarterly report.**
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- 1. Laws of Chess re-write project:**
 - A) Lausanne session and quarterly report.**

1) The Rules Commission Laws of Chess re-write project is carried out by an integrated committee with four members of the Rules Commission (Escafre, Biagioli, Marghetis and Vardapetyan), the Handbook coordinator (Holowczak), Arbiters' Commission (Baralić), Qualification Commission (De San Vicente) and Fair Play Commission (Gopakumar).

2) The project started lately in 2023, contemporary to the FIDE Congress and the committee run weekly meetings until the first week of February: those meetings were meant to identify the current issues that can't be resolved by the Laws of Chess, as well as identifying a future classification of forbidden behaviours, in order to create a brand-new system of penalties.

The committee arrived at the first working session (Lausanne – 13th to 15th February 2024) with a clear view of the current issues.

3) The main purpose of the first working session was to work out on designing rules that can possibly resolve the present issues without having inconsistencies: the job was systematic (see the full picture) and analytic (identify all possible scenarios created by a single rule) at the same time.

The most valuable part of this analysis was to create a categorisation of forbidden behaviours and create the relevant punishment system.

- 4) The second part of the working session was dedicated to creating the structure of the future Laws of Chess, forgetting the current layout and designing a new concept, analogue to what other sports do in creating their basic rules.

As a result of this second part, the integrated committee has presented to the Management Board the future index of the Laws of Chess, which will be filled with the articles content.

B. Progress streamline.

The committee continues now its weekly meetings with a new mission: now we passed examining extraordinary situations that may happen in the board and how to deal with them, with the purpose to find clear and systematic solutions.

Overall, the process is in line with the project, and we believe we would be able to present a text by the 2025 FIDE Congress Rules Commission meeting: the purpose is to illustrate there the results of our job to get feedback. Then, we will pass to the quality control phase to finalise and present the project for the approval in the 2026.

C. Thanks.

The committee and the Rules Commission would like to express gratitude to Victor Bologan and Sava Stojsavljević, present in Lausanne, who contributed to the discussion.

2. Other activities.

Aside of the Laws of Chess re-write project, the Rules Commission is still working on C.05.

This project, significantly longer than the previous one, require multiple inputs, especially regarding new technologies and is waiting the TEC Commission VAR in Chess report to translate the issues emerged with that, which need to be governed with Regulations.

Secretary Biagioli took part to the testing group in Belgrade.

In order to complete this new document, an in-person meeting of the working group for the C.05 (Escafre, Biagioli, Pérez Llera) is required. The Rules Commission proposed to run it in Madrid (no expenses for Mr Pérez Llera and easy/cheap possibility to get there for the others) but this is still pending.

Venice, dated on today March 27th, 2024

IA Stéphane Escafre, Chairman

IA Marco Biagioli, Secretary

