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To: every FMJD member

Subject: Suspension of The draughts federation of Russia and Belarusian draughts federation

Taking into account the ongoing war in Ukraine, the executive councils of the World Draughts Federation (FMJD) and European Draughts Confederation (EDC) has adopted the following decision:

i. According to Chapter 13 of the Statutes, the executive council suspends The Draughts Federation of Russia, further - DFR, and the Belarusian Draughts Federation, further - BDF, from membership in the FMJD;

ii. This decision also includes:
   - prohibition for DFR and BDF to use any member rights deriving from the Statutes and other FMJD documents;
   - prohibition to organize any FMJD draughts tournaments in the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus. All planned tournaments have to be cancelled or re-located;
   - prohibition for Russian and Belarussian athletes to take part in FMJD tournaments under the flags of the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus;
   - prohibition to use any national symbols of the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus (flags, anthems, scutcheons, etc.) in any FMJD tournaments;
   - prohibition for Russian federation and Belarus national teams participate in FMJD team tournaments (with or without national flags);

iii. This decision comes into force with immediate effect. According to Chapter 14 of the Statutes, the executive council is working on subsequent steps to draft further decision projects for which members of the FMJD will vote.

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