Short report of the meeting of the Executive Board FMJD May 18, 19, 2008, Salou

Present:
President **Vladimir Ptitsyn**, EVP **Harry Otten**, tournament Directors **Henri Macaux** and **Johan Demasure;** General Secretary **Frank Teer**, for EDC: **Rima Danileviciene;** for the CAJD, African confederation and assistant to tournament director for the WMSG for African countries **Ndongo Fall;** for the section Checkers: **Richard Beckwith** (USA); **Yurij Tchertok** member of the WMSG committee and representing Tamara Tansykkuzhina;

1. **Situation in Russia.**
   In 2003 the General Assembly gave mandate to the Executive Board to solve the situation in Russia. The Executive board of the FMJD decided to withdraw the membership of the Russian Draughts Federation because of their cooperation with the Marsh organisation organising illegal world Championships.
   In April 2008, in Perm, there has been a meeting between Mr Zakhriapin, president of the Russian Draughts Federation ((**ФЕДЕРАЦИЯ ШАШЕК РОССИИ**), Mr Ptitsyn as president of the FMJD and Mr. Kylasov from the Russian Multi Sport Organisation AMSR.
   There was an agreement in which the FSR was accepted as FMJD member again. The FSR agreed to keep to the FMJD rules and regulations and not cooperate with any illegal organisations.
   The Multi sport Organisation of Russia AMSR has given a lot of help in reaching this agreement. Also AMSR gives the guarantee for the cooperation of the FSR with the FMJD.
   AMSR is willing to be mediator in case of problems between FSR and FMJD.
   The Executive Board accepted this agreement between Mr. Ptitsyn and Mr. Zakhriapin and the FSR is again the official member federation of the FMJD for Russia. Mr Yurij Tchertok is vice president of the FSR and contact person for the FMJD for international draughts (100 cases).
   EVP Harry Otten thanks Mr. Ptitsyn and Mr. Tchertok for their efforts to reach this agreement with the FSR.

2. WC Match women.
   Darya Tkachenko and her trainer Mr. Kravec explained the situation about the organisation of the WC match, 13-30 June 2008. The first set will be played in the Ukraine with help of the local federations of Lvov and Dnjeprodzerzhinsk and the second and third set will be played in Ufa in Russia.

3. World Mind Sports Games (WMSG) in Beijing,
   Many federations have replied positively to the invitation to send 1 or more players to Beijing in October 2008.
   There is much interest from the African countries: 26 players from 16 countries are registered for the event.
   The FMJD accepts also federations which are not yet official member of the FMJD. These federations will be candidate member for the year 2008.
   The tournament Director Mr. Macaux coordinates the registrations from all federations, also for Checkers and 64.

At the moment more than 300 persons are expected as participants, referees, technical assistants, to come to Beijing for the WMSG.
Because the FMJD received 300 places for Beijing Mr. Macaux will ask for some 40 places more to the organisation in Beijing and the International Mind Sports Organisation IMSA. The Chinese organisation already accepted to give 20 extra places for draughts for trainers.
The referees and technical assistants will be expected in Beijing at the end of September or October 1, 2008 and the players in the first days of October.
The official opening ceremony will be on October 4 and the event will be held from October 3 to October 18.
In the first half of June the FMJD will send all detailed data about the participants to Beijing. The FMJD will receive the official invitations from China. These will then be sent to the federations by the bureau of the FMJD.

4. Calendar 2008 / 2009.
   International draughts:
   - The Russian federation will be asked if they can organise the World Championship match men 2008 between Georgiev and Schwarzman
   - Brazil has withdrawn as candidate for the World Championship 2009
   - The world Championship Juniors 2008 will not be held in Gniezno but in Minsk Mazowiecki (Poland)
   - The world Championship Juniors boys and girls 2009 will be held in Belarus.
   - There are still no candidates for a number of tournaments in 2008 and 2009. The FMJD will send a letter to all federations asking for an extra effort to try to organise these tournaments.

   Checkers
   - Men's GAYP Challenge Match between Ron King and Lubabalo Kondlo will be played in Medina Ohio (USA)
   - Women's GAYP Challenge Match between Amangul Durdyeva and Jan Mortimer still no candidate organisation.
   - The qualifiers for the matches in 2009 will be decided in Beijing.

5. Sections and reporting.
   The board has decided that the sections Checkers and 64 have to present a financial report to the meeting of the Executive Board 2 times a year, starting in august 2008 in Tallinn.

6. Meetings of the Executive Board.
   The Executive Board will have a full board meeting because of preparation for the WMSG in Tallinn (August 23, 24 2008) at the European championship, and the next meeting will be in Beijing during the WMSG.