To the national draughts federations, players, coaches and to the entire draughts community

Dear colleagues!

On the 8th of December 2017 the Presidium of the Federation of Draughts of Russia adopted decision to withdraw from the International Draughts Federation (IDF) and to renew the cooperation with the World Draughts Federation (FMJD) on the development of draughts - 64 (Russian version).

Thus, the official announcement was posted at the official site of FSR shashki.ru.

Cooperation with FMJD is an important condition for our sport to get the recognition of the International Olympic Committee as FMJD is a member of SportAccord - the official international organization that unites international federations on sports (included and not included in the program of the Olympic Games), organizing committees of multi-sport games and various sports organizations.

Besides, the renewal of cooperation with FMJD will contribute to the positive dynamics of the development of draughts namely:

- costs for participation in competitions will decrease;
- players have chance to participate at the events for which they have qualified at the national championships and tournaments;
- there are no restrictions on the participation of players in competitions, namely - compulsory participation in all three programs, payment of the tournament fee for participation in all three programs, payment of accommodation and meals for the entire duration of the competition (the so-called "Packages");
- there are no obligations of persons accompanying participants on payments for accommodation and meals at the venues;
- Winners and prize-winners of the European and World Championships are awarded prizes;
- the geography of the competitions will expand;
- the prize fund of the European and World Championships is kept at the same level, the prestige of the competition will increase, as will the conditions for

participants, declared by the national federations;

- There will be the strongest players of the world at the competitions held under the auspices of FMJD;

- The World Cup is being developed (the staged system);

- International competitions are organized, including the events with the support for veteran sport. During the European and World Championships, there are system of credits for students that will open additional participating opportunities for players, as well as will improve interest of the heads of universities in the regions to the students results.

The financial guarantor for all of the above obligations is the SPA"SOMEKS".

The calendar of the competitions is at the final stage in the nearest future it will be approved and published on the official website of FMJD.

The initiatives of the Federation of Draughts of Russia are supported by FMJD. At the same time President of the Federation of Draughts of Russia Anatoly Yurievich Nikitin was invited by FMJD to be the head of section-64 (Russian version). Mr.Nikitin gave his consent to the this proposal.

Thus, we express our deep confidence in the further joint long-term and fruitful cooperation on the development of draughts in the world.

Annex: the support letter of FMJD, proposal for cooperation and proposal to lead the section-64 (Russian version) in FMJD.

Best regards,
President of the Federation
of Draughts of Russia A.Nikitin