Present: Members of the Executive Board:
Harry Otten President, **Jacek Pawlicki** Tournament Director also representing Poland and a mandate for Hungary, **Frits Luteijn** Treasurer, **Frank Teer** General Secretary and President Technical Committee, **Johan Demasure** Tournament Director Youth also representing Belgium, **Vladimir Langin** President Section 64 Russian/Brazilian, **Ingo Zachos** representing the Section Checkers, **Janek Mäggi** President of the European Draughts Confederation, **Jean Marc Ndjofang** representing the African Draughts Confederation also representing Cameroon, World Champion **Alexander Georgiev.**
New Executive board member, replacing Alexander Georgiev as players representative**: Harmen Wiersma.**
Johan Bastiaannet FMJD Bureau director

Members of committees and sections:
Mouhamadoul Moustapha Diop, President of the Ethical Committee, also representing Senegal, **Adama Gueye** Senegal, representing the Medical Committee, with mandate for Mali, **Aare Harak,** President of the Financial Committee**, Rima Danileviciene**, member of the Technical Committee and member of the Board of EDC, **Alexander Nikiforov** member of the Board of the Section 64 Russian/Brazilian.

Translators:
Richard Przewozniak, translator French-Russian, also representing France**, Vitalia Doumesh**, translator English-Russian and **Harry Kolk** translator English-French,

Representatives of federations:
Boris Mushailov for Azerbaidjan, **Anatoli Gantvarg** for Belarus, **Eli T. Padonou** for Benin, **Guibrine Sawadogo** for Burkina Faso, **Jinjuan Xia**, Secretary of the federation of China and **Cindy Li Kaimin**, translator English-Chinese, **Tarmo Tulva** for Estonia with a mandate for Latvia , **Jan Zioltkowski** for Germany, **Carlo Bordini** Vice President FID for Italy , **Edmond Beugre** for Ivory Coast, **Airat Nurgaziyev** for Kazakhstan, **Edvard Bužinskij** for Lithuania, **Marcel Kosters** for the Netherlands with a mandate from Brazil, **Oleg Dashkov** for Russia, **Ali Kadir Benzer** for Turkey, **Anatoli Yatsenko** for Ukraine, **Igor Rybakov** for the USA, **Yunus Amindjonov** for Uzbekistan.

A total of 22 federations is present and 4 more have given a mandate. They all fulfilled their financial obligations so all 26 have voting right.

Assistants:
Viktoria Lehtmets, director of the bureau of the EDC, **Ivan Shovkoplias** for Ukraine, **Alisher Artikov** for Uzbekistan, **Atse N'cho Joel** for Ivory Coast, **Irina Pashkievich** for Belarus, **Dasmané Ouedraogo** and **Adama Kone** for Burkina Faso, **Antonina Langina** for the Section 64 Russian/Brazilian, **Tom Mankowski** for Germany, **Farhad Huseynov** for Azerbaijan, **Petro Kravets** for Ukraine, **Hans Vermeulen and Johan Haijtink** for Netherlands, **Hassan Yigittürk** for translation Turkish-Dutch, **Julien Affaton** for Benin.

2. Opening and Welcome

The President Mr. Otten opens the meeting at 10:05 with a welcome in the 750 year old town of Wageningen after the successful World Cup tournament that was won by the young talents Roel Boomstra from the Netherlands and Natalia Sadowska from Poland.
Start video 3
The General Secretary mentions the votes, 22 federations with voting right are present and 4 mandates have been given.

The president gives a special welcome to our new members Turkey and Benin and to Italy that wants to be more active in FMJD the coming years.

Oleg Dashkov, Russia: When have the federations of Turkey and Benin become member of FMJD, which General Assembly has agreed their membership?

Frank Teer, General Secretary FMJD: The special welcome as new members was meant to be asking for agreement from the General Assembly.

Anatoli Yatsenko, Ukraine, asks for a short introduction of the two new members.

Ali Kadir Benzer, Turkey: The Turkish Draughts Federation was created in February 2013 and asked for membership of FMJD in March 2013, received provisional membership and paid the membership fee. In Turkey we are developing two kinds of draughts: the major kind of draughts is Dama (Turkish Draughts) and we also want to introduce the 10 * 10 game. We have professional plans to develop Dama (Turkish Draughts) and international draughts with lessons on schools and educating trainers with the help of the Turkish Government.

Elie Padonou, Benin: Benin participated in the World Championship teams in Dakar 2006 and in the African Championship 2012. We are member of the African Confederation since 2006, but started to pay FMJD membership fee in 2012.

3. **asking for additional items on the agenda or changing the order of the agenda.**

Anatoli Gantvarg, Belarus: I ask for an additional point on the agenda:
We came from very far to participate in the General Assembly in a legal manner
We propose to cancel all points from the FMJD Board on the agenda.
Mr. Otten asks for a vote and there is nobody in favour, so the proposal is rejected.
Mr. Gantvarg protests, because the General Assembly cannot vote on a point which is in the statutes.

Burkina Faso: To be able to have a good meeting we want to propose that the point of the section 64 is to be treated at the end of the Agenda and not in point 9 or 10 to get a more orderly agenda.
Harry Otten, President FMJD formulates the proposal in English.
End video 3
Start of video A
Oleg Dashkov, Russia: Maybe this point should be treated at the General Assembly 64 and not here.
Otten: Section 64 Russian/Brazilian is part of FMJD, so we can treat proposals of our federations in this meeting.

Vladimir Langin, President Section 64 Russian/Brazilian:
I demand that all points about the Section 64 are treated before the elections.
Russia, Dashkov: We agree with this
Otten: All federations have the right to come with a proposal and ask for a vote, so we will vote about this proposal to move the points about the Section 64 to the end of the agenda.
There are 19 votes in favour and 6 votes against. So the point Section 64 is moved to the end of the agenda.

Jacek Pawlicki, Tournament Director FMJD: Mr Langin says that Russia is the most important federation in the world. We are all friends, there is no most important federation.

Oleg Dashkov, Russia: We organize many tournaments and do not want to be compared to other countries.

Anatoli Yatsenko, Ukraine, wants to add a point to proposals of federations about matches, because there was no match women Tansykkuzhina-Tkachenko.
General Secretary Teer: The point will be added.
Anatoli Yatsenko, Ukraine: Our FMJD motto is: Our strength is the unity of draughts and I am sorry to see that some countries think they are better than other countries.

Edmond Beugre, Ivory Coast: We want to add a point about the qualification for the World Championship and World Championship women.
Frank Teer, General Secretary FMJD: There are proposals from the Executive Board about this qualification so you can make your remarks there.

4. **asking for approval minutes General Assembly 2011 Emmeloord**.

Anatoli Gantvarg, Belarus: I want to speak about the regulations and the World Championships.
Harry Otten, president FMJD: We are discussing the minutes, you are out of order.
Gantvarg: I want to speak about the world Championships
Otten: You are out of order, we are discussing the minutes of 2011.

Moustapha Diop, Senegal: We are more than one hour in our meeting and did not yet do nothing.
Harry Otten: I am pushing and stressing only to discuss the points on the agenda.
Thanks to Mr. Diop for the intervention.

The minutes of the General Assembly 2011 are approved without remarks.
Otten thanks the General Secretary Teer.

5. **asking for approval minutes Extraordinary General Assembly 2012 Lille**

Frank Teer, General Secretary explains about the making of the minutes:
I have made a first report about the morning session of the meeting until 12:15.
I have received a number of remarks about this report, about the outcome of votes and other things.
With these remarks I have asked the opinion of the Voting Committee assigned by the General Assembly and got reactions from Xie Fang, China and Ndjofang, Cameroon. I have followed their advice and opinion about the results of a number of votes and put this in the report and added a letter explaining this.
About the afternoon session I received help from Ingo Zachos for the report of the second part of the meeting, after 15:00. According to some people who were present in the afternoon session, this was a correct report.
End of video A
Start of video B
Together with this report we should discuss the proposal number 2.2 of Belarus: “The Minutes of GA in Lille should be in accordance with the reality”.
I agree with this and think that nobody is against, so I propose to accept this without remarks.
There is general agreement about this proposal of Belarus.

Anatoli Gantvarg, Belarus: The second part of the meeting was not valid because the General Secretary was not present to make a report.
There is no support for this statement of Belarus.
Frank Teer explains that he left the General Assembly after the morning session because of the insults in this session and that it was the task of the General Assembly to find someone to make notes about the afternoon session, but the General Assembly did not do it, because probably they found it not necessary.

The minutes are approved without further remarks.

6. Reports on finances

Frits Luteijn, FMJD treasurer: I propose to do this after the break, because the documents were only given today, so that you can read the documents during the break to prepare for the discussion in the afternoon.
Harry Otten: The finances of FMJD become more important and we have asked a professional bureau to make the report and this has taken some time.

11:30

7. Reports on activities, planning for coming period

Harry Otten: Are there questions about the report of the president? No questions
Harry Otten: Are there questions about the section 64 report? No questions; Mr Otten thanks Mr. Langin for the report.
Vladimir Langin: I want to read my report.
Harry Otten: We have all received the report and have read it.
Vladimir Langin: There are new things in my report which I will read:
From February 2012 there is a working English website of the section 64.
The number of countries participating in the section 64 tournaments is rapidly increasing.
Gambia has asked to organize in Zambia in 2014 an African Championship.
In the Asian championship which was organized very good they were playing Brazil version.
A remark of Ukraine is not translated, so the secretary cannot put it in the report.
We stand for our rights on all versions of draughts on 64 squares.
We want to develop different versions: Russian and Brazilian and other kinds of draughts.
The 64 federation has high level support from the Russian government.
Long-term contracts with sponsors are concluded now. We plan to come in the next few years to the budget 100 million rubles a year (about 2.5 million euro). And it will be a great success for all federations playing on the 64 board.

Anatoli Gantvarg, Belarus: Why did the Tournament Director not make a report?
Jacek Pawlicki, Tournament Director: See all tournament results in the rating publications.
End of video B
Anatoli Gantvarg, Belarus protests against Pawlicki and Otten about the tournaments in Beijing, Lille, World Cup Wageningen and World Championship Ufa.
Gantvarg asks the General Assembly not to approve the results of these tournaments.
They were not organized according to the rules.
In the rules of FMJD there are results 2-0, 1-1, 0-2.
12-0 and 9-3 etc is not legal.
About Beijing 2011: FMJD selected a fourth player from Russia contrary to the regulations.

About the World Championship in Ufa: FMJD can deal only with national federations.
The World Championship in Ufa was organized together with FMSR, a regional federation, that is why the result of this World Championship is not valid.
The results of a World Championship should be approved by the FMJD board.
The reserve place should be for me according to rating list.
Start of video C
Mr Pawlicki and Mr. Otten stole money from me, they put their hand in my pocket.
According to rules the reserve list has to be approved by the Executive Board.

Elie Padonou, Benin: We also want to participate in the meeting, not only Mr. Gantvarg.

China: We have to solve these problems one by one, not all at the same time, so give the word to Mr. Otten.

Harry Otten:
For the representation of FMJD in 2011 Beijing there were rules about maximum 3 places per country over 10 places and two special places for China and wild card FMJD, independent of other criteria.
Our choice was: choosing someone for this wild card or not choosing and give the place to the best player in the World Cup classification which was Baliakin.
So we did not steal anything from Mr. Gantvarg, as he was not the best player in the World Cup classification, who was not yet qualified for Beijing 2011.

Teer: There have been questions from players during the year 2011 towards the Executive Board, if these 3 players per country criterion was also valid for the wild card.
At the start of the World Cup tournament in Ufa in August 2011 there has been an explanation by the main referee about this and an official publication of the Executive Board of the FMJD that this was not the case. The 3 players per country criterion should be considered only valid for the 10 players to be qualified directly from the World Cup tournaments. This statement of the Executive Board has been on the publication board of the World Cup tournament during the whole tournament. Mr. Gantvarg was present during this tournament and made no remarks or complaints about it. So he may be considered to agree with the conditions for the World Cup tournament and the rules for qualification for the Sport Accord World Mind Games as presented there. FMJD gave the wild card to Mr. Shaybakov in accordance with the regulations published in Ufa.

Harry Otten to Mr. Gantvarg about the World Championship in Ufa : You got a reserve place in 2011 in the World Championship in Emmeloord and there are more criteria than just the rating. You stated to several persons that you did not want to play in Ufa and only be on the reserve list to give other player (Thijssen) a better chance to be in the World Championship.
Why was it organized in Ufa? We were working with the full support of the Russian Federation.
At that moment in time Mr. Chertok was Vice President of FSR for International Draughts.

Oleg Dashkov,Russia: The board of the Russian Federation did not approve the organization.

Harry Otten about the reserve place for Mr. Ivanov and not for Mr. Gantvarg: It was proposed by Mr. Pawlicki and Teer and agreed by me that they did this task of the Executive Board.

Harry Otten about the World Cup Wageningen: It is important that you find sponsors and get support from the government. That is why we must look for more modern and attractive playing systems.

Also in a meeting in Praag some years ago with Mr. Bessel Kok the players agreed that it should be more interesting for the public. Also Mr. Wiersma was there.

Anatoli Gantvarg, Belarus: Russia should not participate in the World Championship, because they did not yet pay the FMJD membership fee. The right of Kees Thijssen was taken away three times.

Harmen Wiersma: I have my experience in draughts for 50 years. We are all people and draughts is a game for people. For this you need of course federations, and executive boards. So I decide to have a vote that I will be the representative of the players. This is in the interest of the game because the main persons are the players. So the wishes and opinions of the players are very important. If it is not like that then we do not need this meeting.
Of course on the background there are several problems.
Sometimes things are going well and sometimes things are not going well.
I would like to be involved and make an investigation into what happened.
Also not to lose too much important time in this meeting.
The thing is: Who will give me this permission, because the players already agreed.
When will I be member of the board for the players? You said “in the future”
Frank Teer: The future is from today at the elections of the Executive Board
Harry Otten: You have the signatures of many top players and also from the current member Alexander Georgiev, so all FMJD members will accept you.
Harmen Wiersma: If there are special problems, put it on my plate and I will investigate in my independent way.
Independent, that is important because the players are independent.

Ingo Zachos proposes to stop with this point and continue the meeting.

Russia: Why are there no documents? The documents should be sent one month before the meeting. What did all people do in four years.
Harry Otten: The documents have been sent to all federations also to the Russian federation. There are 120 pages of documents for this meeting. Did you want us to send 800 pages of all rating publications of Mr. Pawlicki?
End of video C somewhere here
Start of video D somewhere here

Jacek Pawlicki: This is my report: All tournaments were held according to our calendar and all results are reported on the FMJD rating publications on the FMJD website.
Johan Demasure: This is my report: Do you want to say I have done nothing? Were there no World Championships youth? If you want me to report about everything I have done, I will have to make 100 pages of documents. I have worked good during the last four years and every year the youth world championships were organized.
Frank Teer, General Secretary: this is my report: I have made all documents needed, reports of the General Assemblies, agenda and proposals for this meeting, proposals from the Executive Board and the Tournament Director and Technical Committee and the FMJD bureau has sent it to all FMJD member federations. Russia said that they did not receive anything, but then Russia should ask Mr. Yurgenson who has received all documents on August 23. If the Russian Federation wants us to send the documents to more e-mail addresses, they should just inform us and we will do it, but they did not inform us about that.

CPI report, no remarks

Medical Committee
Harry Otten explains about our duty to do doping controls in accordance with the demands of WADA to be member of international organizations like Sport Accord.
I would also suggest to our sections to have regular doping controls and report about it.
Alexander Nikiforov, Section 64 Russian/Brazilian is agreeing with this.

8. Discharge of the Executive Board members

Harry Otten: I propose to have the point Discharge Executive Board after treating the finances.

9. Special awards

a. Confirmation of e-vote about members of honour

Frank Teer: On April 11 we sent a proposal for nominating 4 FMJD members of honour: Sijbrands, Chizhov, Chertok and as eminent member of honour Ndongo Fall. This proposal was sent to all (17) members with voting right who have paid the FMJD membership fee for 2013. The result of this vote was that 6 members voted in favour of the proposal for all 4 candidates.

These were the following federations: Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, Belgium, Netherlands, Cameroon and China.

Belarus made a remark which cannot be considered as a vote:

"Belarus Federation believes that this issue should be left to the General Assembly. We think it wrong that the list contains the persons who tried to divide FMJD…….. ".

Otten asks for applause for Mr. Chertok who has organized a large number of official FMJD tournaments.
Almost all federations applaud for Mr. Chertok.
Pashkievitch (speaks without right to speak, as Mr. Gantvarg is the official representative of Belarus) complains about Mr. Chertoks organization of the World Championship women a number of years ago: He had to organize it according to FMJD rules. It was illegal.

Teer: This point has been brought to a previous General Assembly by Belarus and the General Assembly chose to accept the tournament as valid. What is more legal than a decision made by the General Assembly?

The result of the e-vote about the 4 members of honour is confirmed by the General Assembly.

b. Proposal from the Italian federation for the distinguished career prize

Frank Teer: Before the General Assembly in Lille Italy sent a proposal for the distinguished career prize for three of its members. Maybe Mr. Bordini wants to tell something about it?

Carlo Bordini, Italy: We propose this special career prize for 3 persons with a great career in the game of draughts:

- Italian Great Master Michele BORGHETTI (born 1973), for his outstanding contribution within Italy. His main success are:

a1) 18-08-2003 in Varazze (Italy) World Record blindsimultaneous games Italian Draught 23 boards, 40 points;
a2) more than 40 Italian national titles, 14 of which in the top individual championships
a3) winner of the world challange 2010 WCDF and subsequent match with World Champion Ron (JB: Alexander!) Moiseyev played in Cleveland (USA) 2011.

- Italian Great Master Guido BADIALI (born 1938), three times Italian top individual champion and editor and copyreader of "Tecnica Agonistica" the technical section of "Damasport" (FID official bulletin) uninterruptedly since 1968 (44 years of abnegation for the technical development of Italian game and for its diffusion, very likely an international record!).
- Italian Master dr. Gaetano MAZZILLI (born 1927), member of FMJD Council for 36 years (1963-1999), many of them as vice-President.

Carlo Bordini: One more thing: we do all in our country many things for checkers and draughts.
We have to be united and not to waste too much time, but see what unites us and do important things for draughts.

Frank Teer: I asked advice from our Honorary President Wouter van Beek and he agreed that it would be a good idea to give this special award to these three persons.
End of video D
The General Assembly accepts the nominations with applause.

c. Other proposals for awards from the Executive Board

Frank Teer: The Executive Board of FMJD proposes to introduce the FMJD promotion prize to be given regularly in the future to people with great merits in the promotion of draughts in the World.
The Executive Board proposes to give this award for the first time to the author Tjalling Goedemoed for creating his course in Draughts in English language and giving it for a small amount to the draughts world to be freely downloaded from the FMJD website. All federations are free to use this book and translate it in their own language. Some of the books are already translated in Chinese, French and Spanish.

Several federations react positively on this proposal.
The proposal is accepted with a big applause for Tjalling Goedemoed

Lunch break 13:00-14:00

Continuation of point c: Other proposals for awards from the Executive Board

Frank Teer: The Executive Board proposes to honour the work of Henk Fokkink for the international draughts world with the FMJD membership of Honour.
About 40 years ago, for many years Mr. Fokkink was working from the Netherlands with his Press Association for Draughts Journalists where he distributed results of tournaments and notations of national and international games all over the world. This was a kind of predecessor of Turbo Dambase in the period that we did not yet have personal computers. Many top players also received his bulletins and used it to prepare themselves on tournaments.
Mr. Fokkink was active as an international referee for almost 20 years. In the period 1993-1999 he was regularly active in Poland with supporting the Polish Federation and being active as a referee in the Romuald Frej Memorial. As a respect to all what he did for the Polish Federation, he received in 1996 the title "honourable member of PDF".

Mr. Fokkink has been active for a long time as member of the Technical Committee, playing a key role in adjusting the rules of the game.
In the period 2000-2006 Mr. Fokkink functioned as President of the Technical Committee and as such as member of the Executive Board of FMJD.
Start video 4
Frank Teer: I asked also the opinion of former EVP Pieter Hildering and Honorary President Wouter van Beek and they both agreed with this proposal.

The General Assembly decides to give this honorary title to Mr. Henk Fokkink and KNDB President Hans Vermeulen receives the special prize belonging to the membership of honour to give it to Mr. Fokkink.

Going back to point 6. Reports on finances
6a 2011-2012;

Frits Luteijn, treasurer FMJD : This morning I gave the report of 2011 and 2012 to the representatives of all federations; I hope you have been able to read it. If you have questions I will try to answer them.

Vladimir Langin, President Section 64 Russian/Brazilian: In this report there are general numbers
About the tournament in Beijing 2011 according to the report the section 64 got 10.000 dollars; they got less.
Frits Luteijn: Yesterday in our meeting with you we have talked about this and explained how you should calculate the costs of a tournament.
Vladimir Langin: You spoke about an other tournament, not about Beijing 2011. We want to know the details.
Frits Luteijn: I will send you the details.

Oleg Dashkov, Russia: Why is only 100 participating in Sportaccord 2013?

Harry Otten: SportAccord organizes the tournament and gives a participation fee to the federation and pays for the prize money. SportAccord has written to us to come with one game only and the most widely spread in the world.
Yesterday I made an agreement with Mr. Langin to give my best efforts to realize that 64 and checkers will be able to participate in the Sport Accord World Mind Games from 2014.

Oleg Dashkov, Russia asks for this letter from SportAccord.

Frank Teer: We will distribute the letter with the report of this General Assembly.

Harry Otten: You have to realize that the money which is coming now from SportAccord is realized through the efforts of the board members of International Draughts and the money from International Draughts.

Marcel Kosters, Netherlands, asks for a next time to receive the financial report and budget earlier.

Harry Otten: We will outsource the administration of FMJD and present an annual report just a few months after the end of the year, you will not have to wait until the General Assembly.

Anatoli Gantvarg, Belarus: According to the rules Russia and other countries were not allowed to participate, according to point number 7 of the regulations of the World Championship.

Harry Otten: The treasurer accepted the promise of some federations to pay the membership fee at the start of the General Assembly. That is why FMJD accepted these players to participate.
I ask for a vote about the validity of accepting these players to the World Championship and about declaring this World Championship as valid.
There are 2 votes against and a lot of votes in favour, so the validity of the World Championship is accepted by the General Assembly.

Jacek Pawlicki, Tournament Director, explains about financial problems with federations like Trinidad and Tobago; sometimes it is difficult for players to bring money to the World Championship. Mr. Wiersma has been in Trinidad and knows that the organization is good and that we can trust a promise that they will pay the money, as they did some time after the World Championship.

Harry Otten: If the treasurer accepts that a promise to pay is valid for payment, then the Tournament Director accepts a player for an official FMJD tournament.

Harmen Wiersma: This money question it is always a problem; paying systems are complicated. The chairman of a federation asked FMJD how to pay the money, but it was too difficult.
If it not possible to pay according to the rules, you must act and not be a victim of your own rules.

Marcel Kosters, Netherlands: Please return to the agenda.

Jean Marc Ndjofang, Cameroon: This is a problem between Belarus and Russia and an internal problem in Russia between 64 and 100 and they have to solve it by themselves and not misuse the FMJD meeting for it.
End of video 4
Oleg Dashkov, Russia: We are not against the players for international draughts. But why are you communicating with a regional organization?

Harry Otten: That is because FSR does not want to cooperate with International Draughts in Russia and we do not have to solve your internal problems.
We stop the discussion, because already for a long time it is out of order.

Anatoli Gantvarg, Belarus, starts to talk again about this point, but Harry Otten takes the word from him, as again he is out of order.

6b. Financial committee

Aare Harak: Only I had the time to go over the figures; the other members of the Financial Committee (Mr Malick Kamara Ndiaye and Mr. Bat-Erdene Chimeddorj – remark GS) did not have the time or did not want to do anything.
I went through the documents at home and yesterday we had a meeting with Frits Luteijn and the accountant company.
Nobody from the previous Financial Committee was in this committee, so we could not compare the documents form 2009-2010 with these documents.
All the documents were reasonable and fair. But I can't compare with two years ago.
All documents were correct and OK, so my general conclusion is to approve the documents.
The idea that a financial company takes over and makes a better report which is more clear about the costs of referees and travels, is a good idea.

It is also necessary that members of a financial committee are member for a longer period than for only two years. Not change all members every year.
I want to thank Frits for all his time and his reporting.

Harry Otten: I think that everybody agrees with this proposal of Mr. Harak.
As there are no remarks the report is accepted by general agreement.
For a new financial committee, together with Mr. Harak we have a candidate is from Italy, Milena Szatkowska who is an expert of budget. And we need a third member not being a member of the Executive Board.
China: We can give a candidate, but not give a name now; we will give a name later.

6d proposals budget

Frits Luteijn: This morning I presented the budget for 2014 and 2015; there are not very strange numbers, but maybe you have questions about it.
Most important point is that the next year Johan Bastiaannet will retire as bureau director and the costs for the bureau will be much higher, as we will not have the support of the municipality of Amsterdam anymore.
Harry Otten: The current situation in which the president now and then has to use 80 hours in a week for draughts is not acceptable. We need to have some assistance.

The budget for 2014 and 2015 is approved without voting.

Harry Otten: We will take care that you receive the annual reports much sooner.
Discharge of the treasurer? No remarks, thank you.
Discharge of the Executive Board: Any remarks? no remarks.
Harry Otten thanks the meeting for the discharge.

11. Election of Candidates for the Board:

Harry Otten: After the Extraordinary General Assembly in Lille where the meeting even did not want to discuss the proposals of the Executive Board for new statutes, the members of the Executive Board have judged it as not appropriate to seek actively for re-election in this meeting.
However, the federations did not present any candidates. So if we are not candidate, we will be faced with an impossible situation of FMJD without President, General Secretary and Tournament Director.
We are faced with a challenge.
Only if the General Assembly explicitly asks for the three current members to be re-elected, we can agree with our candidature.

Teer: I understand that we have a difficult situation and I cannot leave Mr. Otten also doing the job as General Secretary. However if elected I will take the freedom not to finish a four years term as General Secretary but will try to find replacement together with the Executive Board, because I do not like the situation with all these wars of the section 64 and continuous insults from Belarus.

Anatoli Gantvarg, Belarus: What about Wiersma?

Harry Otten: As a representative of the top players he will be a member of the Board.

Anatoli Gantvarg: All members of the Executive Board are not legitimate, so we cannot have a vote for them, because there was no Executive Board meeting for two years.

Harry Otten: Times have changed and we communicate by internet and e-mail and expensive meetings are not so necessary as they were before.

Anatoli Gantvarg: In the meeting of the Executive Board there were 5 to 6 people. Three from the Netherlands. This is not an official organization.

Harry Otten: Do you realize we asked the member federations for candidates?

Harry Otten: Mr. Gantvarg suggests that if the Executive Board would go away, then automatically there will be a new board.

Anatoli Gantvarg, Belarus starts talking again about the Ufa World Championship; the president asks him to stop, as again he is out of order.
Start of video E
Moustapha Diop, Senegal: We have to use our strength and energy together. We cannot solve personal problems to-day.
If our GA says that the Executive Board is good, then it is OK.
You block the development of FMJD by asking the members of the Board to leave and not proposing candidates.
To end: Tell us how the FMJD has to progress. I ask Mr. Gantvarg to go further.

Harry Otten : For the election a voting committee is needed, are there candidates? Nobody volunteers. Harry Otten proposes Bužinskij, Beugre and Mäggi and they agree.

The federation of Belarus declares that they will not participate in the voting.

The General Secretary organizes the voting; all federations are called forward and receive a voting form; they vote and give their voting forms to the voting committee. Mr. Janek Mäggi presents the counting results of the voting committee.

For Tournament Director Mr. Jacek Pawlicki: 20 yes, 3 no (The Polish federation, represented by Mr. Pawlicki, was not allowed to vote).
End of video E
For General Secretary Frank Teer: 22 yes, 3 no
For FMJD President Harry Otten: 22 yes, 3 no

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Harry Otten: We thank you for your confidence; my home-coming to-night will not be pleasant, because my wife really wanted me to stop as president FMJD.
We will try not to look back, but to look to the future in a positive spirit.

Harmen Wiersma: There is no procedure for election of the players representative?

Harry Otten: Many top players including Georgiev agreed that Harmen Wiersma will be the member of the Board representing the players. So he is a member of the Board from now on.

Harmen Wiersma: An important remark: I want to represent all players, not only the top players.
Another important remark: I like draughts and also checkers; I was present in the World Championship checkers with my friend Borghetti.
I was in Tashkent and young players playing 64 and 100 and they were very enthusiast.
It does not matter if they are young or almost 65 like Anatoli Gantvarg.
In my proposal it is also written: other disciplines. I like very much Brazil version. Russian draughts I do not know so well.
Small remark: I want to upgrade the possibilities for the players in all disciplines. Also the Turkish game; I got a Turkish board in the Mind Games 2000.
I want to reach better conditions for the players. I hope that the Board and countries will support me in this. Without support I cannot do this.
I already have the support of the Asian Confederation and the South American Confederation.

11. Election of new Ethical Committee

Harry Otten: We should have liked that the Ethical Committee would have worked faster. But we think it is good to have new members in this Ethical Committee.
The representation should be divided over the continents: one from Africa, one from Europe, and one from Asia or America
May be Mr. Ndjofang has an idea about the representative of Africa, may be Mr. Ngondiep would be a good candidate, as he speaks also English?
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Irina Pashkievich, Belarus: Better not to have players in the Ethical Committee, because they are not independent.
Pashkievich proposes Mr. Yatsenko as representative of the Ethical Committee; he knows the statutes very well and will be a good candidate of the Ethical Committee.
For America Mr. Igor Rybakov is proposed.
Jean Marc Ndjofang, Cameroon: Ngondiep; yes, we will ask Mr. Ngondiep.
Next candidate from Asia is Airat Nurgaziyev.
Irina Pashkievich: he is a player.
Frank Teer: You proposed Yatsenko, he is also a player. I think that a player is OK, if it is not a top player.

The General Assembly agrees with the proposed candidates and Frank Teer will write a letter to Mr. Ngondiep to ask if he wants to be member of this Ethical Committee.

Intermezzo. Turkish Draughts Federation TDF

The president of the Turkish Federation would like to have the word.
Harry Otten: This development of Turkey may be very important for the future of draughts. The Turkish Federation has great plans and is already considering organizing mind sport games in 2016.

Mr. Ali Kadir Benzer is glad he is here in this meeting and between all these players.
Working together is very important towards the future. Together we can achieve much more.
The Turkish Federation and the game of Turkish draughts would like to continue their functioning inside FMJD.
Mr. Benzer stresses that for us Turkish draughts is a new game, but it is played in the Arabic world in countries such as Egypt, Bahrain, Iran, Irak, Egypt, Soudan, Syria, Qatar; in all these countries Turkish Draughts is a known game.

Turkish draughts for FMJD is a possibility for Turkish draughts to grow in the world of draughts.
Mr Benzer is convinced that draughts will be the number one sport soon !!
To conclude Mr. Benzer wants to thank the Board of FMJD who has given a lot of support to the TDF.
Mr. Benzer presents a present to the FMJD General Secretary Frank Teer.

FMJD president Harry Otten thanks Mr. Ali Kadir Benzer for his contribution to the meeting.

Bureau and Mr. Bastiannet
We come to the end of an era, as Johan Bastiaannet retires at 65. Fortunately we changed the law in the Netherlands that he has to retire two months later.
We will be faced with a challenge to find someone to take over his tasks. It will be very difficult to replace Mr. Bastiaannet. But nobody knows so much about the game and organization of draughts, the opening and end game; Johan has a knowledge of many languages, English, French, Russian.
Johan Bastiaannet: I have done this work already for 13 years and still have 7 months and then it will be finished. I hope that FMJD will find a good solution for the FMJD office.
Johan gets a big applause.

Irina: Thank you very much Johan for your work. The Belarusian Federation has had never problems with Johan and we are very satisfied with the work of Johan and it is a pity that he will stop with his work.

Ndjofang wants to add his thanks from the African Confederation for Johan Bastiaannet; he knows many things. French that's important, English, Russian. He asks for another applause for Johan, which is given heartily by the General Assembly for Johan Bastiaannet.

14. Support of federations by FMJD

Proposal from KNDB for global support.
Harry Otten: We support this idea but FMJD does not have so much money as asked in this proposal.
In the budget we have put more than the years before and we really need some reserve money.

Marcel Kosters, Netherlands:
In the proposal the budget is included, but the most important is that we work together for the development of draughts.
This proposal is meant to give a practical execution to this development.
Talking about money we see in the budget for 2014 and 2015 that FMJD already included the proposal.
So in this budget there is a significant budget available to make a big leap forward for the development of draughts.
I think FMJD can work very well with this budget.
The aim is to support continental championship, to distribute knowledge and material for the global growth of draughts.
We hope that the General Assembly will approve the proposal and we change the proposed budget from 30.000 to 20.000.
Mr. Otten concludes that this proposal is accepted, as it has already been accepted in the budget and as there are no remarks against the proposal.

15. Request for IOC recognition; possibilities, problems and request for assistance

Harry Otten: The International Olympic Committee IOC is a very important point in the agenda.
6 Years ago we tried to get IOC recognition, but IOC did not want to give it to us.

In Saint Petersburg there was a session of SportAccord with the IOC, where the IOC declared that they will open the procedure for recognition anew.
In this meeting SportAccord told us what they can do for us.
SportAccord now has opened a special website for all non IOC recognized sports, where you can fill in everything that is needed for the application.
There is a special section for draughts.
From the past we know that it is a lot of work to get the documents together needed for an application.
I assume that all federations would like very much to see that draughts would be recognized by the IOC, because it could mean more money for them for draughts.
If we want to do this, we would need two people who would collect all this information with the help of the Executive Board.
Italy has already offered to make one person available to perform this task. The? will give a name of the person who is available for this. We would need a second person, because it is a lot of work which should be done in a short time, like the next three to four months.
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There is an opportunity, because there is a change in the management of IOC where Mr. Rogge is replaced by Mr. Bach.
Is there a volunteer to work with Italy. Is there a person in the Netherland who could work together with Italy, maybe with some input of a lawyer.

Marcel Kosters, Netherlands: If the meeting agrees, then Holland will deliver a volunteer.

Harry Otten: This is a task not about the game, but to make the case legally as strong as possible.
Is there agreement for Netherlands and Italy working on this file?

Harry Otten: As there are no further remarks, I consider this as accepted. I hope that in the next GA in China we can say that we have recognition from IOC
This IOC recognition is one of the most important things for the future of draughts.

16. Proposals from the federations

Introduction Frank Teer about three technical proposals of Belarus:
The proposals are all formulated in one line without any arguments. Some months before the meeting I asked the federation of Belarus to include arguments with their proposals because, as it is stated now, it is not possible for the FMJD member federations to prepare on the proposals, as they do not know the arguments of Belarus.
However, Belarus did not care to answer to this request.

Irina Pashkievich, Belarus: We already sent these proposals earlier, so we found it not necessary to give arguments.

First technical proposal of Belarus: Unify the rating for Men and Women

Irina Pashkievich, Belarus: We made this proposal, because there are not enough tournaments for women rating. In Chess they also use the same system.
I talked with several players and they agreed.

Frank Teer: It is necessary to solve a number of technical problems, we cannot do it before October 1, 2013.
Jacek Pawlicki: Since 2002 I am the person who calculates ratings.
My opinion in general: this was also discussed some time ago in the Technical Committee and we decided not to do it.
Basically I am not against.
From technical point of view it is no problem to do it; it will be less job in the future to make 1 list instead of two lists. We have on the women's rating list A 120 women. But 50 procent only played only womens tournaments.
About relationships between men and women rating we already published a formula to calculate men from women rating .
Frank Teer: I asked the opinion of Tamara Tansykkuzhina as representative in the Executive Board for women players and the opinion of Darya Tkachenko, former World Champion and they were in favour of this proposal of Belarus, so let us accept it.

Harry Otten : We all agree that ratings should be unified by the Technical Committee.

Second technical proposal of Belarus: Stop with the use of «+» and «-» draws in the FMJD competitions.
Irina Pashkievich, Belarus: Only two federations use these plus and minus draws.
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I repeat again and again.
Otten proposes a vote. 12 in favour and 6 against, so the proposal is accepted.
The French federation wants to see in the report, that they did not vote and also that some African countries did not vote.

Irina Pashkievich: I want to talk about Gantvarg and the World Championship.
Harry Otten: we are discussing your technical proposals, do you want to skip them?

Third technical proposal of Belarus: Stop with the use of the Swiss System on rating.

Frank Teer: This is a very strange proposal, as there is a strong tendency in the draughts world to use this Swiss system on rating more and more. Every year more international tournaments are using the Swiss system on rating and now the General Assembly should abolish this system? Also in the Chess world the Swiss system on rating is the preferred version of the Swiss system.

Edvard Bužinskij, Lithuania: The preference in the Chess world is not a valid argument, as they have much more players with a rating.
Our argument against the Swiss system on rating is that for strong players the system is not good, because their points will be taken away.
Why not use the Buchholz system and stop to use this system on rating?
Points of grandmasters are taken away.

Frank Teer: For which tournaments do you propose to stop with this system?

Irina Pashkievich: For all tournaments recognized by FMJD

Edvard Bužinskij, Lithuania: Open tournaments can use any system, but official FMJD tournaments should not use it any more.

Rima Danileviciene, EDC asks if the proposal is also meant to be valid for the European championships?
Irina Pashkievich: Yes, the proposal is about all official FMJD tournaments.

Johan Demasure: With the youth we prefer the Swiss system on rating, then you don't have a problem with players leaving the tournament. With the Swiss system on Solkoff, then you have a problem for the tournament; It influences someone else if a player leaves the tournaments.
I do not want it with youth.

Irina Pashkievich: OK, not for youth but for all official FMJD tournaments

Otten stops the discussion, but the members are going on discussing.

Then Irina Pashkievich moves on to the next proposal of Belarus, thus implicitly withdrawing her proposal about the Swiss system.

Organisation proposal 2.1 of Belarus: 2.1 Not including of A.Gantvarg to the World Championship done in contradiction with the FMJD rules.
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Irina Pashkievich: I want to talk about Gantvarg.
Harry Otten: We talked about Mr. Gantvarg already in the meeting and we stop talking about it.
Anatoli Gantvarg: Better to stop because Mr. Teer changes results in the World Championship when he wants.
Harry Otten: You have your own concept of truth and reality.
Anatoli Gantvarg, again: We have rules.
Harry Otten: You have used enough time in this meeting. You make a lot of fuss and insult many people.
Anatoli Gantvarg: Teer changes the result of the game. It is absolutely unbelievable.
Frank Teer: I understand what you mean to say and in the World Championship in Ufa I have made a very large explanation to the players and they understood it and did not protest with the jury d'appel. If you want, I can distribute my report about this incident with the report of the General Assembly, but it is not a case to be discussed in this General Assembly.
Anatoli Gantvarg: Mr. Teer has to act according to the regulations.
Frank Teer: I corrected an error of an assistant referee; that is my task as main referee. If I see that an assistant referee makes a wrong decision, I have to correct it.
Anatoli Gantvarg: You are not right.
Harry Otten: Mr. Gantvarg has ended his speaking time for this afternoon and has no right to speak anymore.

Belarus says that they support the proposals of 64.

Belarus moves on to their next point:
Organisational proposal 3.3 The committee for the New Statutes should be created by the GA (earlier proposed by the BDF)

Harry Otten: Please do it, create a committee; it is not a task of the Board, but if you want it do it. Belarus can form this committee and they may report to the Executive Board.
Please organize this committee and report to the Executive Board who are in this committee.

Oleg Dashkov, Russia: We want to be in this committee of Belarus

Jacek Pawlicki, Poland: As members of FMJD we can do what we want. The Polish federation also started to work on a new proposal for our statutes. Please also do it.

Proposal from Netherlands for World Records.

Harry Otten: I think this is a good proposal to avoid World Records being attacked very short after each other. The organization of such an attempt and the player need some time to enjoy the results of such an event, before the record is attacked again.
No remarks? OK, the proposal is accepted.

Proposals from Poland about Youth tournaments.

The Tournament Director Youth Johan Demasure wants to treat this proposal together with the point 21 calendar of main events for youth.
Johan Demasure: For 2013 we still have some World Championships to go, mini cadets and hopes in one month from now and then the World Championship juniors boys and girls in France in December.
For this year I did not find a candidate for the Youth Olympiad.
For 2014 we already have allotment for all tournaments for youth:
World Championships Hopes Boys and girls and mini-cadets boys and girls in Tallinn from October 25 (arrival day) until November 2 (departure day).
World Championships Cadets and Juniors, boys and girls, including blitz world championships (new) in Dabki (Poland) from December 16 (arrival day) until December 24 (departure day).
For the Youth Olympiad in 2014 there are NO CANDIDATS till now.
The deadline for your candidature is October 1st, 2013. After that date FMJD will try to find a candidate.

Johan Demasure: I ask for candidates for 2015.
I would like to have World Championships planned two years in advance.

For 2015 there is a proposal for all categories from Poland. For all 8 categories in one tournament.
If you have a proposal for a WC in 2015, send your proposal before 15 November; after this date the Executive Board decides among the candidates.

Jacek Pawlicki, Poland: Let's define a fixed date in the beginning of October; we are ready to do it in 2015. Just make a copy of the system of the very successful European Youth Championship.
Our second proposition is to create a new world championship for schools for 13 years and younger, 3 player teams, one may be from an other school.

Marcel Kosters, Netherlands: KNDB considers this as two good proposals with small proposal to amend: for the school proposal: all children have to be from the same school, otherwise it becomes too complicated.

The Polish federation agrees with the amendments and the proposals are accepted without a vote by general agreement.

Extra point on request of the Ukrainian federation about World Title matches

Anatoli Yatsenko, Ukraine: The world championship is held with tournaments and matches

Last year there should be matches Georgiev-Shvartsman, but there were problems to organize it and the women match between Tamara Tansykkuzhina and Darya Tkachenko could not be organized.
The problem is that to organize this match you have to follow the interest of both players and to find prize money, but nothing is written in the FMJD regulations about prize money.
We have to support the strongest players, but sponsors may say: Why do we have to give money when it is not written in the FMJD regulations.
For the World Champion it is interesting not to play the match and keep the title and keep the right for a title match two years later. So he is not interested to find money for organizing a match.
That is why Ukraine proposes that if the match is not organized, then in the next World Championship tournament it should be decided which two players, first and second in the tournament, have the right to play the match.

Harry Otten: Is it your point that if a certain minimum amount for prizes is available that the players have to play?

Anatoli Yatsenko, Ukraine: It is good to define some minimum prize money, but the main point of the proposal is that, if the match is not played, the number 1 and 2 of the next World Championship will have the right to play the next match. Then it will be interesting also for the World Champion to play the match.

Jacek Pawlicki, Tournament Director: What I understood is the following. At this moment Georgiev and Ndjofang have the right to play the title match in 2014. If the match is not played, then Alexander Georgiev as current World Champion would keep a right even to play in the next match in 2016.
The proposal of Ukraine is that, if the match is not held, both players, Georgiev and Ndjofang, have no right for the match two years later.
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Yatsenko wants to know a minimum prize money in the FMJD rules.
Harry Otten: To have a minimum sum of prize money in our rules is not wise, better to give a strive prize money. What ambition do we have for these matches. For the coming match between Ndjofang and Georgiev the ambition is 100.000 euro prize money.
Jacek Pawlicki: Also the FIDE do not write this in their rules.

Mr. Kravets from Ukraine interrupts and tells the General Assembly that the World Title match should be organized in any way, even if there is no money.

Harmen Wiersma: The proposal of Mr. Yatsenko is important. You must understand it before coming to a vote. The sum of money is an important point. Without money what to do. You must understand what proposal Mr. Yatsenko did. What proposal are we voting for?
Frank Teer explains: When a world title match cannot be played, the World Champion keeps his title, but does not have the right for a title match two years later. Then this right for a title match goes to the numbers 1 and 2 of the World Championship tournament. That part of the proposal we are talking about.

Harry Otten asks for a decision. Are their remarks?
As there are no remarks, the proposal is accepted without a vote and is valid for the coming tournaments.

Mr. Kravets wants to talk some more but Harry Otten says: We have given you the right to talk for some time, but you officially have no right to speak, you should discuss with the Ukrainian representative.

Harry Otten: As there is not enough time, we skip the points of proposals of the Executive Board and proposals of the Tournament Director and Technical Committee and go shortly to the point titles.
Are there remarks or questions about the world records and titles of master and grandmaster and referee titles as presented in the agenda and document?
Harry Otten asks if the titles presented in the reports are accepted.
All titles are accepted, without remarks.

Harry Otten: we have no time for everything. We skip some points like the proposals of the Executive Board about which we will have an e-vote.
Marcel Kosters, Netherlands: Mr. President, there are a number of important proposals from the Executive Board that we have to discuss, like the lower membership fee.
Harry Otten, yes that is true, but we have spent too much time on details and have no time now to discuss all the proposals of the Executive Board and we will have an e-vote about it.

22. **Discussion points, Match fixing**:

Harry Otten: When I come to meetings of SportAccord there is a lot of discussion about match fixing. This is about giving results or selling results to someone else.
SportAccord asks us to have points in our bye laws that match fixing is strictly forbidden and that we keep to these worldwide rules.
We believe that SportAccord is right and that we have to fight match fixing and there should be penalties for match fixing.
If we are going to the International Olympic committee to ask for recognition, they will demand from us that we have very good rules for match fixing.
We propose to take the SportAccord wording about match fixing, which is valid for all sports, in our official documents.

Jean Marc Ndjofang, Cameroon: What does it mean for grandmaster remise and players who do not want to play. They said many things about my game with Getmanski. If you think this result is good enough for me. If it is in my interest to play a remise. How can we prove that it is match fixing.
If players play a grandmaster remise that may not be considered as match fixing.

Harry Otten: SportAccord wants us to educate the players. Match fixing is forbidden.
When players play a grandmaster remise because both players do not want to play, then it is on the border of it.
When you sell a plus or minus remise or even sell a game then it is strictly forbidden.
I also suppose that Mr. Wiersma as a representative of the players will inform the players that match-fixing is strictly forbidden.

Harmen Wiersma: One remark, I think it happens more than we know and it is always difficult to prove and to make a regulation for it is really difficult.
Harry Otten: Also in other sports it is difficult, but you see now that it is coming out in the open.

The proposal to accept the SportAccord text as valid for FMJD is accepted without a vote.
Harry Otten: After 20 minutes break we continue with the point sections.

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10. **Proposals from and about the sections**

First point: contradicting opinions between FMJD member federations and Mr Langin, president of FMJD section 64 Russian/Brazilian about membership of section 64-IDF.
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Mr. Langin wants to explain about IDF:
in 2010 I was elected as a president of section 64 in the section 64 elections in Ukraine.
In this conference there were countries participating in Russian and Brazilian draughts.
FMJD has problems and differences of opinion with the section 64.
That's why IDF wants to register officially section 64 as IDF, so that it is not necessary anymore to discuss section 64 issues in the FMJD General Assembly.
We are worried about the statutes in Lille, because all our federations would not be in FMJD anymore.
That's why in Bulgaria we established IDF in July 2012, International Federation Russian Draughts, 64 draughts.
At 14 September in Ukraine the General Assembly of IDF decided that IDF will develop the FMJD section 64. It was decided to abandon the name FMJD section 64 and to use the new mark name IDF.
Poland and Ukraine participated in this meeting.
5 July 2013 IDF was registrated officially with all requisites: statutes, bank account and website. The documents are on the website of IDF.
We would like to stress that we are part of FMJD and do not want to split from FMJD, but we are IDF with the same conditions as for Checkers. And continue under this new mark IDF.
About the different problems of the sections I want to say that this is not up to the FMJD, but the sections have their own general assembly.
So it is normal that everything is not yet perfect and that not everybody does like me.
However some federations write to FMJD instead of trying to solve the problems within the section 64.
So these people don't understand that we are in the same boat.
Yesterday we spoke with Mr. Harry Otten about the bye laws.
First FMJD Section 64 will solve their own problems and the FMJD President and Tournament Director should not be involved in this.
Second point about Brazilian draughts: this is not only about Poland and Brazil, but about 30 countries are playing this draughts.
Checkers are separate, but all other variants including Brazilian and Turkish Draughts and other versions should be organized by section 64.
So we would like to present these two amendments.
We have the financial possibilities to organize these kind of draughts.
SportAccord is not so important thing for us.
Please take the things I have said in your mind when you are going to talk about the section 64 proposals in this meeting.

Harry Otten thanks Mr. Langin for his statements.
Are there federations who want to react on the statements?

Anatoli Yatsenko, Ukraine: The point that we are discussing now, is important for the future of draughts.
We should have a situation where we are working together also with Russian draughts as one family.

In 2001 FMJD General Assembly decided to have three sections within FMJD, international draughts, 64 and checkers.
This was directed to become member of international organizations as IMSA.
Because we were together, there could be organized mind games.
For me it is very clear that nor SportAccord, nor IMSA would like to have members in separate kinds of draughts.
Then we come to the question, why leave FMJD and create a separate federation IDF.
At this time it is not correct to split the section 64 in two parts: the Russian and Brazilian version.
What is even more crazy to destroy the one federation FMJD and leave the FMJD.
So I have one question to all national federations about IDF:
Why each federation should have separate membership of each section when they are already member of FMJD.
Mr. Langin demanded that all federations should become member of IDF and I said clearly: no, this is against the rules, as we are already member of FMJD.
Langin said that federations which did not want to become member of IDF, would not have equal rights as federations who became member of IDF. He blackmailed us with this.
I assure that Ukraine is protected by FMJD statutes, where it is not written that we should become member of any other federation.
Mr Langin used sanctions against all champions of Ukraine, adult and youth.
In all Championships which were organized, Ukrainian champions should pay, while the champions of other countries who became member of IDF did not have to pay for hotel and meals.
So that is why I am very surprised to hear from Mr. Langin that Ukrainian federation, who acts according to the FMJD statutes, wants to divide FMJD.
I ask the General Assembly to create a committee to analyze with the documents of IDF and give the conclusion to FMJD.

Vladimir Langin:
I like to answer all the questions of Mr. Yatsenko: These are all total lies.
I already explained why IDF was organized. When Ukraine or section 64 cannot find small money for a match, IDF can find it.
We don't want to be separate from FMJD and the representative of Ukraine in the IDF meeting voted for all proposals of IDF.

Harry Otten: Do I understand it right that you propose a committee to study the problems with IDF and section 64?
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Vladimir Langin: I do not understand this request, as Ukraine freely voted for the creation of IDF.
It was not required to become a member, it was not obligatory.
It is a lie of Mr. Yatsenko. It is just a request to register as member of IDF. The federation of Latvia and Lithuania are registered as member of IDF.
That's why I find that there is no reason to organize a committee; we can ask section 64 to solve this problem and discuss this matter in the General Assembly of IDF.

Harry Otten: This is very difficult for me. What I see is that there are a few main items:
Mr. Langin states: Yes I am still integral part of FMJD, while some countries say that Mr. Langin is moving away from FMJD with his international organization IDF, moving in a direction of separating from FMJD.

What I understood from the discussion with Mr. Langin and Mr. Nikiforov yesterday: Yes, we are still an integral part of FMJD, but IDF is a mark name to attract sponsors. That is the heart of the matter, I believe.

Jean Marc Ndjofang, Cameroon: I do not understand: If IDF is just to help to get more sponsors; why can they not find sponsors with the mark of FMJD. There is no reason to create another organization

Langin: The first point is that draughts 64 is the national game of Russia. For the tournaments in draughts 64 they can find money. Mr. Ndjofang will understand this problem when he tries to find money for his match.
If I wanted to leave FMJD, I would already have done it. Also a reason for IDF is to have a bank account in Russia.

Alexander Nikiforov, section 64 Russian/Brazilian: If he would like to find sponsors and he shows the logo of FMJD and the sponsor looks to the website of FMJD, he does not want to give money to international draughts.

Anatoli Yatsenko:
We do not understand why we receive an official letter to enter the IDF while we are member of FMJD. I am member of FMJD, so I don't have to become member of another organization. If the Executive Board does not want to understand the situation, then for me it is not a problem for becoming member of IDF.

Adama Gueye, Mali: Mr. Langin uses the logo of FMJD in the website of IDF, an independent organization. In my opinion it is very clear that Mr. Langin created a new federation which is different from FMJD.

Irina Pashkievich: Belarus did not become member of any new federation, but confirmed that they are member of section 64 of FMJD. Yes, this is the same organization as IDF.
Mr. Langin organized very succesful championships and found a lot of money.
We propose to stop the conflict.
If Mr. Langin says that it is the same organization, then we have to trust him for that.

Oleg Dashkov, Russia: The World Championship 64 was perfectly organized with many participants.

Harry Otten: Is it true that Mr. Langin develops 64 Russian and Brazilian or, as some will state, only Russian draughts. I give the word to the Polish Draughts Federation.

Jacek Pawlicki, Poland: I have two requests of the Polish players: Poland is never going to be a member of IDF. I can read and see the documents.
IDF statutes say: we are organization for all kinds of draughts. We like to cooperate with international sports organizations. So they are automatically a concurrent of FMJD.
IDF wants to conduct national championships. Why we need to be member of this IDF. If they are competing with us in organizing national championships, following their statutes. I can read the statutes, This is in their statutes.

Alexander Nikiforov: I am talking not only to Mr. Pawlicki, but to all federations.
A long part of the story of Mr. Langin could not be translated
What Mr. Pawlicki says, is a product of the imagination of Mr. Pawlicki.

Jacek Pawlicki: Do not interfere with Polish internal situation.

Alexander Nikiforov: If Poland does not want to participate in section 64 tournaments, he is right. Mr. Langin is responsible for Brazilian draughts by the choice of 30 countries.
30 countries are satisfied with competitions of section 64 organizing in Brazilian Draughts.

Jacek Pawlicki: Complaint to the Ethical Committee: I speak on behalf of Polish players and Polish board. I am full of these insults against me personally.

Discussion between Nikiforov/Langin and Pawlicki in Russian language, not possible to make report.
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Start of video I
Harmen Wiersma: This is not good. This problem we will not find a solution now. Somebody has to take care of this problem. I do not take a position. But we cannot go on in this way.

Moustapha Diop(Senegal): I ask to create a committee to talk further about this problem, as we cannot solve it in this meeting.

Harry Otten: We know the opinions of each other and we will have to come back on it later.
All arguments will go over and on and will be repeated.
There is one last point in this meeting that are the two proposals.
If we vote now for a separate Brazilian Draughts section, this may not be a good thing. It would be better, if we find a committee in a very short time to discuss this point with our FMJD members and report to the Executive Board of FMJD.

Oleg Dashkov: Why do we need a committee, if the situation is very clear.

Harry Otten: To vote on a proposal from Poland for splitting section 64 and have a separate section for 64 Brazilian is not wise at this moment; that is why I propose to create a committee.

Oleg Dashkov, Russia: It is not necessary to make a committee.

Marcel Kosters: a short remark : I have a mandate from the Brazilian federation. The creation of a separate section for Brazilian Draughts is not only from the Polish federation, but also from the Brazilian federation.

Vladimir Langin: The proposal is not necessary. We will solve this problem with Mr. Pawlicki.
Otherwise we should choose independent experts, when Mr. Pawlicki will organize illegal tournaments in draughts 64 Brazilian.

Harry Otten: I would like to see that things are solved without a vote which will give an irreversible choice of a section Brazilian Draughts.

Alexander Nikiforov: Brazil and Poland should discuss their problem with 30 countries which develop Brazilian Draughts and if they will not be satisfied with the decision, they can go to the FMJD.
I propose to move this issue to the GA 64 and after that, if necessary, to make a decision on the FMJD level.

Harry Otten: Does Poland want a vote. This is a general assembly who can decide about all issues, also about the Section 64.

Jacek Pawlicki: It's really important that this is not an IDF assembly, but FMJD assembly.
Let's create a small group to come with conclusions: Mr Yatsenko who started in this small group as first president of Section 64 Russian/Brazilian. What is the status of IDF, is it OK or not OK for FMJD.
Yatsenko, Langin, Pawlicki. They report in three months.
Should there be a separate FMJD 64 Section, let them try to find common ground. Fighting here for the whole evening is of no use.

Oleg Dashkov, Russia: There is already a solution , IDF will solve this problem.

Jacek Pawlicki: I really believe that such a committee is a good idea, otherwise we will ask for a vote about our proposal.

President Harry Otten tries to answer, but Oleg Dashkov interrupts the president very fiercely.
What is said is not clear as there is no translation.

Harry Otten: I would like to see that you talk with each other before there is a vote, but if you do not want to talk there will be a vote.
Langin, are you against a committee?
You have to understand that FMJD members have the right to make a proposal and vote about it. I told you yesterday evening that I will do my utmost to prevent a split; otherwise we will vote about the proposal for a separate section 64 Brazilian.

Voting about forming a committee with the persons as named earlier:
15 votes in favour of the proposal for forming this committee and not to vote now about a proposal for a section 64 Brazilian, so this proposal is accepted.
End of video I

Proposal for a section Turkish Draughts

Ali Kadir Benzer: We ask the permission that Turkish Draughts is a section within FMJD
This is the sincere wish of Turkey.
Harry Otten asks for a vote; there are 18 votes in favour, so the proposal is accepted and the section Turkish Draughts within FMJD is officially created.

Alexander Nikiforov: This is a change of the statutes.
Harry Otten: No, the list of sections is in the bye laws.

The president closes the meeting.