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To:

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**Re: Endorsement of the Community Application to ICANN for
the .chess top-level domain**

Dear Mr Shekhovtsov,

On behalf of the Israel Chess Federation, the national member federation governing chess in Israel and a member of the International Chess Federation (FIDE), I write to endorse the Community Application submitted by Chess Domains Limited, under FIDE's authorization, to ICANN for the **.chess** generic top-level domain.

The Israel Chess Federation is the national governing body for chess in Israel, federating the chess clubs and the individual players within them, and representing Israel in FIDE. As a member federation, we recognize FIDE as the world governing body for chess, we play under FIDE's Laws of Chess, and we participate in FIDE's rating and title system. FIDE is, for us and for the players we represent, the institution that speaks for the global chess community.

We understand that the application concerns the string "chess" — the name of our sport and of the community to which our federation and its members belong — and the public associates it with that community. We therefore consider it right that the **.chess** namespace be operated under community registration policies set through FIDE rather than left to a party with no connection to the sport.

We are aware of no reason within our national chess community to oppose this application, and we are glad to confirm our endorsement to the evaluators if that would assist.

We wish Chess Domains Limited and FIDE every success in securing the .chess top-level domain for the benefit of the worldwide chess community.

Sincerely,

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