

*Prime Minister
Republic of Estonia*

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General Assembly of the FIDE Congress,

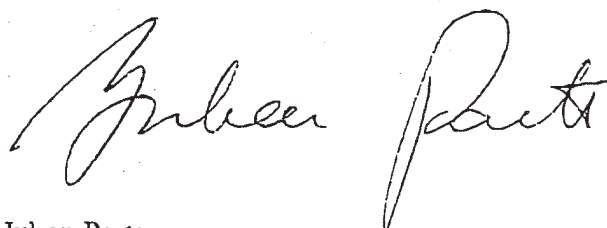
The Government of the Republic of Estonia presents its compliments to the General Assembly of The Federation Internationale des Echecs (FIDE) and has the honour to confirm the following.

The Government of the Republic of Estonia warmly and enthusiastically supports the bid of the Estonian Chess Federation to organise the 38th Chess Olympiade in Tallinn in 2008, agreed unanimously during the regular Government meeting held on October 21st 2004 in Tallinn, Estonia. The Government of the Republic of Estonia considers organising the Chess Olympiade as a singular honour.

The Government of the Republic of Estonia is aware of the responsibilities that a possible acceptance of an offer submitted by the Estonian Chess Federation to hold the Olympiad by the FIDE General Congress would include with it; and will do its part so that the Estonian Chess Federation can successfully prepare, organise and hold the Olympiad.

The Minister of Culture of the Republic of Estonia Mr. Urmas Paet will represent the Government of the Republic of Estonia at the FIDE General Assembly in Calvia, carrying with him the commitment of our Government to bring the highly esteemed event, the Chess Olympiad, to Estonia.

Hereby in the name of the Government of the Republic of Estonia I would like to assure the General Assembly of the FIDE Congress of our determination and will to give the world a Chess Olympiad of the highest quality, delivered by a state proud of the opportunity, should it present itself.



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