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### Chess Olympiad in Tallinn

The Government of the Republic of Estonia warmly supports the bid of the Estonian Chess Federation to organize the 42<sup>nd</sup> Chess Olympiad in Tallinn in 2016, agreed unanimously during the regular Government meeting held on October 25<sup>th</sup> 2007 in Tallinn, Estonia. The Government of the Republic of Estonia considers organizing the Chess Olympiad as a singular honour.


In 2016 Estonia will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of chess grand master Paul Keres who was elected to be the last century's best sportsman by the whole Estonian nation.

Chess has during the times been a important part of the Estonian sport and culture and the big part of it is thanks to the Paul Keres and his legacy. Estonia has established the Paul Keres' Chess House and the Museum of Paul Keres to honour the grand master's legacy. The prize of honest game named after Paul Keres is given out every year in Estonia and the memorial tournament of the Paul Keres is organized yearly.

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 Chess Olympiad by the FIDE would include with it and will do its part so that the Estonian Chess Federation can successfully prepare, organize and hold the Chess Olympiad.

We sincerely hope, that FIDE will give to Estonia the right to organize the 42<sup>nd</sup> Chess Olympiad in Tallinn in 2016 and that important chess tournament becomes an essential part of the program of celebrating the 100 years of anniversary of Paul Keres.

Yours sincerely



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