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Dear Mr. Freeman,

On behalf of the Austrian Chess Federation we submit the following proposal to the FIDE Congress in Tallinn.

Proposal

We propose improvements in the rules and regulations of the arbiters and qualification commissions and to set up a committee with experts who come from outside the commissions to check the existing system and to make proposals for the future.

We give some examples for improvements:

- To create a download area on FIDE Website where all rules, regulations and forms can be downloaded in PDF in official FIDE languages.
- To create a system providing that all norms are automatically published in the ID numbers of players based on datas from rating-reports.
- To simplify the title regulations. Do we really need NA, FA and IA and to divide them into categories A, B, C, D? Do we really need a lot of special exceptions in the title regulations of players?
- To reform the arbiters instruction. There is still a lot of time used for teaching swiss-pairings by hand, but not a minute for pairings by computers. What is really needed in practice? A questionnaire is needed for exams to avoid problems of understanding.
- This list can be completed by proposals of experts and federations...

Justification

Praxis shows that big improvements are necessary. The rules and the regulations become more and more complicated with a lot of additional obligations for federations, players and officials. We have got new fees but certain services have not improved. It is time to consider if all these obligations and rules are really necessary. Our main idea should be that **good rules are simple rules**.

With best regards

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Secretary General