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Dear chess friends,

As you might know, FIDE undertook a number of serious steps to deal with the Covid-19 issue, which represents an unprecedented situation for the whole world. In this context, FIDE will continue to act as a responsible organization and will make every effort to contribute to the containment of the virus.

The situation is changing by the day and is also impacting the preparations for the 44th World Chess Olympiad 2020. Given the circumstances, it is impossible to take now drastic decisions on this issue. Final decisions concerning the organization of the Olympiad will be taken in May 2020.

In this regard, we would like to recommend a course of action to all the Federations. As for the travel arrangements, we strongly suggest not to buy tickets yet, or at least to buy only fully refundable tickets. We suggest acting in the same way with regard to all other reservations.

FIDE will continue to monitor the situation and to support the Federations by providing them with the latest information.

Your sincerely,

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FIDE President

