Dear Colleagues!

The conflict between FMJD and IDF lasts a long time already, more than a year, and there won’t be a winner in such a conflict. The situation that FMJD manage hundred draughts and IDF - 64 draughts, completed a long time ago. That status quo was acceptable for everyone, until, on our personal opinion, the management of Russian Federation of Draughts, guided by personal ambitions of some of the managers, took decision to exit the IDF and organise 64 Section in FMJD, than created a new conflict.

In Israel the cult of 100 and 64 Draughts are equal and we don’t think that it will be correct and reasonable to speak about choice. IDF Management has a reputation of high professionals, who organise the competitions for all grades on the highest level. Therefore, obviously that we are staying in IDF with 64 Draughts and in FMJD with 100 Draughts. Unfortunately, today Draughts are not so popular as Football and Basketball, and we are not able to allow our sport to get in conflicts. We insist, that FMJD and IDF should find their way to mutual compromise and we are ready to offer our input to solve this conflict to further development of all types of Draughts.

Bets regards,
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