



**International Braille Chess Association
Congress
Rodos Palace Hotel, Island of Rhodes, Greece
15 October 2023, 10:00**

Proposal from South Africa

Proposal to reduce IBCA subscription fee for African countries (developing countries):

Dear IBCA,

South Africa, SABCA, was allowed back in to international Braille chess in 1992 and had since manage to send a team to every IBCA Olympiad since.

An arrangement that we can pay our subscription fee at the Olympiad helped us with our finances but may exclude us as a voting member from the October special congress as we cannot afford to fund a player to take part in the IBCA World Singles in October 2023.

Every Olympiad year our participating players have to do their own fundraising, including the outstanding IBCA subscription fee which in our currency is a substantial amount, the rand is currently trading at 20.70 odd against the Euro.

We kindly request that set fee is revised for developing countries where government does not render financial aid to their national Braille chess teams and the government's disability grant is minimal.

Thanking you for your consideration.

With kind regards

Johannes Grib

SABCA Secretary