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Belgian Military Chess Club vzw

NATO Member States

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

31st NATO Chess Championship – Postponement

On behalf of the Belgian Military Chess Club vzw, I regret to inform you that Belgium due to the coronavirus pandemic cannot host the NATO Chess Championship in October as previously announced.

Consequently, the 31st edition of this event will be postponed to 2021 and more specifically from October 11th 2021 till October 15th 2021.

The tournament will take place in Floreal Blankenberge and nations will be invited to send teams of up to six players, a Team Captain and a Team Official.

A new official invitation with updated guidelines regarding the informal agreement, the formal agreement and the entrance fee will be sent as soon as possible.

Despite your hearts asking for NATO chess games in the second half of the year, no official online version of the NATO Chess Championship will be organized due to the different time zones within the countries.

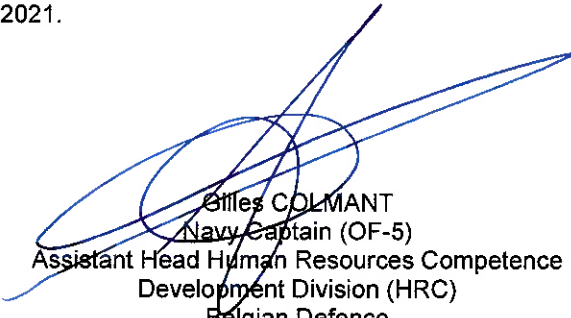
However, by analogy with the online version of the Belgian Military Chess Event 2020, Belgium will organize following online NATO chess activities:

- Tuesday October 13th 2020: Blitz Tournament
- Thursday October 15th 2020: Rapid Tournament

Both tournaments will take place from 2000Hr to 2230Hr (Olson Time Zone: Europe/Brussels). Practical modalities for participating in these tournaments will be sent beginning of September directly by the tournament director to the national responsables.

I apologize for these inconveniences, but hope to welcome you to the 31st edition of the NATO Chess Championship in Blankenberge in 2021.

Sincerely



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