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Dear participants of the World Draughts-64 Championship, dear organizers, dear guests of the competition, let me welcome you at such a significant on a global scale event for draughts.

In 2017, the World Draughts Federation (FMJD) decided to resume the activity of section-64 and this year reflects the importance and correctness of the taken decision. Today, players from more than 20 countries from four continents will start to compete for the world crown on a small board. The World Draughts Federation is on the way to the recognition of draughts by the International Olympic Committee and each international competition that unites and increases number of draughts players around the world, brings us closer to this event.

Let me express my gratitude to: the Minister of Sports of the Russian Federation Mr. Kolobkov, the Governor of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous District – Yugra Mrs. Komarova and the Organizing Committee of the championship for their support in holding the competition which is so significant for draughts.

I wish the tournament was held in a friendly atmosphere, players struggled in each game with full strength and dedication and remembered that their games would go down in history and would be a good example of the development of draughts sport in the world. It also will be a good example for all amateurs of draughts and especially for the younger generation.

Best regards,
Janek Mäggi,
President of FMJD

