**ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION** 

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## **FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING 13 APRIL 2013**

To: Council Members

From: David Openshaw ECF International Director

You will see on the Council Agenda that there is a motion regarding our International Teams. The purpose of the motion is twofold:

- 1. to show that the Board and Council of the ECF are totally supportive of our teams and are positively interested in their performance and results.
- 2. given that at present we fund the teams partly directly from ECF funds and from donations I want to widen the network of those actively involved in seeking donations. A vote for this motion will greatly help this process.

If the motion is successful it moves us from an attitude which currently says that if we get enough money we will send our best teams and if we don't we will send weaker teams. To a new attitude which says we want to do everything possible to send our best teams. Of course even with the new attitude there is no guarantee that we will always be able to fund our best teams but it does make it much more likely.

The Board passed this motion unanimously at its recent meeting and I urge all Council members to vote for it. It very important to me that it receives a very substantial majority. If any Council Member wishes to discuss it further please phone me on 07737007148.

David Openshaw 29 March 2013.