Kasparov Chess Foundation

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H.E. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov FIDE President

Via Fax: 30-210-620-7198

Dear Mr. President.

I am writing you on behalf of the Kasparov Chess Foundation, an American based not-for-profit charitable and educational organization. Our mission is to bring the many educational benefits of chess throughout the United States.

The Foundation provides a diverse range of programs for students of all ages and abilities. While KCF is developing programs for students at all levels, the Foundation is also creating a track specifically for those who demonstrate particularly strong aptitude for chess.

The Gifted Children Program is based on an advanced curriculum involving the best students throughout the country.

These students will have an opportunity to participate in state, national and international competitions, all sponsored or produced by KCF.

It is our goal to find and nurture real chess talents. As we all know the ultimate goal for every chess player is to become a world champion.

The Foundation believes that its program for gifted children is able to determine and qualify the best players to achieve this goal.

We kindly ask you and the Presidential Board to grant the KCF a status of the FIDE affiliate and its associate member.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Michael Khodarkovsky,

Vice-President