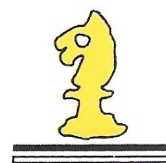


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His Excellency Kirsan Illyumzhinov
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Head of the Republic of Kalmykia

I would like to thank you for your kind words of encouragement and support on my winning the World Championship Title in Bonn. As you mention a World Champion has a responsibility to popularise the game . I look forward to working with FIDE in ensuring chess receives a stature it truly deserves.

As a FIDE Board member I have some recommendations that I would like to put forth to the Congress. They are underlined here

I would like to present a proposal on the conduct of World Championship match's.

1. **Venue** – The choice of venue has to be neutral. A venue that is not deemed as a participant's country should also be a venue where one of the participants do not have undue influence on the organisation of the event or partners, personal sponsors or managers of the participant have control whatsoever in the conduct or organisation of the event. FIDE should have a committee comprising of its members (not from participant countries) that conducts the event in its capacity as Official Federation.
2. **Rest Room** – It has been my view that rest rooms should be common for both players in a match or to all participants in a tournament. This eliminates a lot of suspicion as to the long absence of players from the board. The rest room should be open and readily accessible to constant surveillance by the arbiter or other officials.
3. **Anti cheating measures** – All moves should be relayed with a fifteen minute delay to avoid any speculation as to probable electronic cheating in chess .In matches for the World Championship this would ensure that on the one hand the participants

feel more confident that their opponent is not receiving illicit help during the game; and on the other that a world-wide audience knows that the organisers are ensuring that this is the case.

These have been opinions expressed by myself and people in the chess world including players. I request that the FIDE Board of which I am a member of will consider and execute the issue.

Look forward to interacting with you in the future.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "VAnand". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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