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1.0 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The UAE Chess Federation will be hosting the Women's World Championship in 2010, 2012 and 2014. The UA Federation is considering organizing a Grand Prix as part of the World Championship Cycle starting in 2010 in lieu of the Women's World Championship until any visa issues may be resolved.

2.0 WORLD CLUB CUP

They have also proposed a new initiative to introduce an event into the FIDE calendar which will be of a global nature. The format of 8 players (5 male and 3 female) for a World Club Cup is exciting and welcome. They are prepared to underwrite this competition for the first three editions to be held biannually in 2009, 2011 and in 2013.

Given the elitist nature of the events proposed an appropriate financial guarantee is being placed by the UAE Federation to safeguard the organization of these tournaments.

3.0 FIDE OFFICE – ABU DHABI

As a result of another initiative by the United Arab Emirates Chess Federation, FIDE will open an office in 2009 in Abu Dhabi and this will start operating in January 2009. The costs of the office will be fully covered by the host country.

I am pleased to nominate Dr Sulaiman Al Fahim, President of United Arab Emirates Chess Federation and CEO of Hydra Properties, as CEO – Commercial Affairs. I ask the General Assembly to ratify this posting.

I will be visiting the United Arab Emirates shortly to finalise arrangements for the offices and look forward to this new expansion for FIDE.

Kirsan Ilyumzhinov
FIDE President