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Mr. G. Giorgadze
President
Georgian Chess Federation
Tbilisi

Dear Mr. Giorgadze,

Please note that the FIDE Presidential Board at its meeting in Athens, 25-26 March 2017, has highly appreciated all the efforts undertaken by the Georgian Chess Federation aimed at successful organisation and hosting of the two top FIDE events - World Chess Cup 2017 and Chess Olympiad 2018 as well as the permanent fruitful cooperation between FIDE and your Federation in respect of all issues of mutual interest.

The Board noted your letter dated 10 February 2017 addressed to the Board members in respect of the publication on the official personal site of Kirsan Ilyumzhinov and his meeting with the President of the Abkhazian Chess Federation. The Board thinks it is very unfortunate that the FIDE President's words were interpreted as an effort to violate the integrity of Georgia and Abkhazia as its inseparable part. It was also noted that Mr. Ilyumzhinov informed the Board that he had already apologised in a recent interview to Georgian media.

Please accept our apologies on behalf of the Presidential Board as we look forward to the continuation of our fruitful cooperation and collaboration with your Federation and wonderful country.

Best regards



Georgios Makropoulos
Deputy President