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World Chess Championship match 2005 FIDE terminates negotiations with candidate Dubai organiser of the Kasimdzhanov-Kasparov match

The World Chess Federation (FIDE: http://www.fide.com) announces the termination of negotiations with the candidate organiser of the World Chess Championship match Kasimdzhanov-Kasparov, originally sheduled for January 2005 in Dubai. The organiser from Dubai did not supply FIDE with the required financial guarantees within the deadline set by the FIDE President.

FIDE would like to express its gratitude to the Crown Prince of Dubai & UAE Defence Minister, His Highness General Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktum, for his willingness to patronage this great event and also the UAE Chess Federation and the Dubai Chess Club for their support during our negotiations with the candidate organiser.

The Kasimdzhanov-Kasparov match is now scheduled to be organised in spring 2005 and FIDE has already entered discussions with other candidate organisers and sponsors. Further information on the progress of these discussions will be officially announced until the end of this year.

About FIDE

The World Chess Federation (FIDE: http://www.fide.com) is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the supreme body responsible globally for the game of chess and its championships. FIDE organizes the World Chess Championship as well as all World Championships for women, junior and youth categories, the bi-annual Chess Olympiad and it also publishes the official FIDE Rating List (currently No.1 is Garry Kasparov of Russia). FIDE has a membership of 160 national chess federations and it retains offices in Greece and Russia.

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