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Mr. Kirsan Nicolayevich Ilyumzhinov, President
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Kirsan Nicolayevich!

It has come to my attention that you have declared to the Russian press that the English Chess Federation will support you in your bid for re-election as president of FIDE.

This baseless claim has caused consternation among our members and undermined our efforts to build institutional trust between the ECF, our members and FIDE.

Could you please issue a clarification that although you have been invited by the ECF Board to visit them in London and you hope to win their support, no decision has yet been taken on the ECF's vote in the FIDE election. Convincing the ECF to back you against Kasparov or a potential third candidate will be an uphill battle.

Thank you for your attention to this in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Andrew Paulson
President