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Yerevan, October 3, 2003

**2008 World Chess Olympiad in Yerevan**

H.E. KIRSAN ILJUMZHINOV  
President, FIDE  
President, Republic of Kalmykia

Dear Mr. President,

The Armenian Chess Federation presented a bid at the FIDE 73rd Congress in Bled, Slovenia, for holding the World Chess Olympiad of 2008 in Yerevan, Armenia.

We confirm our bid and ask you to kindly include the issue of holding World Chess Olympiad 2008 in Yerevan in the agenda of the 74th FIDE Congress in Halkidiki, Greece.

We underline that the Armenian highest authorities totally support our initiative to hold the 2008 World Chess Olympiad in Yerevan, Armenia.

Armenia is in all senses ready to organize this greatest event of FIDE on a proper level. We guarantee that the representatives of all the countries of the world without exception, irrespective of their national, ethnic and religious background, will be provided with best conditions.

Welcome to Yerevan in 2008!

Respectfully,

VANIK ZAKARIAN  
President, Armenian Chess Federation  
Honorary Vice President, FIDE