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Player's Contract for Participation in the 2017 World Cup

The World Chess Federation (FIDE) is the governing body of the World Chess Cup (hereinafter referred to as the World Cup). The Administrator of the 2017 World Cup is FIDE, in collaboration with the Chess Federation of Georgia.

In order to ensure that the World Cup is played in accordance with the approved regulations and the statutes of FIDE, the following provisions shall apply:

1. Dates and Venue

- 1.1 The World Cup will be held from 2 September 2017 (player's technical meeting) to 27 September 2017 (tiebreaks/closing ceremony) in Tbilisi, Georgia.
- 1.2 FIDE will announce the names of the players who will play in the event, in accordance with the World Cup regulations, and the pairings for the first round will be published on the FIDE web site three weeks before the start of the 1st round.
- 1.3 All the participants in the World Cup must stay at the approved official hotel(s) of the event.

2. Right of Participation

- 2.1 A list of qualified players and reserves, approved so far by FIDE, is uploaded on the FIDE web site together with other important information regarding the event. The present Player's Contract is also published on the FIDE website, from where the players should download it and send it to the FIDE Secretariat within the deadline specified below.
- 2.2 Qualified participants are entitled to play in the World Cup. This right may only be set aside if the player does not meet the deadlines specified in the regulations or in this contract or otherwise behaves in a way and manner that is in violation of the provisions of the regulations or this contract, when a reserve may replace him.

3. Confirmation deadlines

- 3.1 Qualified players and reserves are expected to fax a copy of their signed contract to reach the FIDE Secretariat (fax no. +30 2109212859) no later than Monday 17 July 2017, GMT 14:00.
- 3.2 The player must inform the FIDE office in Athens on written form, together with the signed contract, of his/her exact bank account details, including the name of the bank, the name of the account holder, the IBAN account number, the SWIFT code and the location of the bank.
- 3.3 Qualified players shall register at the World Cup Secretariat in Tbilisi in person no later than the time set for the opening ceremony, failing which their right of participation may be forfeited. The FIDE President has the right to allow participation in exceptional circumstances.

4. The Player's Obligations

- 4.1 On signing this contract the player commits himself to completing the various stages of the World Championship cycle 2016-2018 in accordance with the regulations for the World Cup, World Chess Championship Cycle 2016-2018, FIDE Code of Ethics, FIDE Anti-Doping Disciplinary Regulations, FIDE Statutes, FIDE Laws of Chess and regulations which form an integral part of this contract, except in the case of illness evidenced by a medical certificate.

Player's Initial:

FIDE Deputy President's Initial: 1

- 4.2 All players that sign this contract agree not to compete in any cycle, tournament or match outside of FIDE, with the purpose of establishing a World Chess Champion, for a period of 4 (four) years from this date.
- 4.3 During the event, players will have to give interviews and make appearances as described in article 3.13.2 of the World Cup Regulations.
- 4.4 Players may be required to wear clothes or apparel with special branding from sponsors when specifically approved by the FIDE President.
- 4.5 Participants are required to appear punctually for the commencement of play in each game of every round.
- 4.6 Participants in the World Cup shall be required to attend the Opening Ceremony, Closing Ceremony (top 2 finalist winners) or any official reception specifically approved by the FIDE President, failing which a fine as detailed in the regulations, may be imposed and deducted from the prize money for each violation.
- 4.7 The 2 top finalist winners of the World Cup will advance to an 8-player semifinal Candidates Event of the World Championship cycle 2016-2018, which will determine the challenger for the final World Championship Match 2018.

5. Financial conditions

- 5.1 The World Cup has a gross total prize fund of USD 1,600,000 (one million six hundred thousand US dollars), to be distributed in accordance with the regulations of the event. A payment of 20% from the above prize fund is made to FIDE.
- 5.2 Subject to the provisions of this contract, the amount to which each player is entitled, will be paid by direct bank transfer or cheque drawn in US Dollars on UBS Lausanne, Switzerland not later than two weeks after the event is completed.
- 5.3 Although FIDE has signed an agreement with the organiser stating that the prize funds are net and free of all local tax, FIDE will not be responsible for any national or local tax deducted from the prize money. FIDE will give all necessary assistance to the players if the organiser acts to the contrary.
- 5.4 FIDE or the Organising Committee will not be responsible for any application of political or financial sanctions from the organising country against the players of the tournament. At the same time, FIDE has no prior knowledge of such sanctions.
- 5.5 Without prejudice to the provisions of this contract, the game scores and score sheets are the property of FIDE.
- 5.6 FIDE has guaranteed to the organising committee in Tbilisi that it will pay any legitimate hotel expenses of the players against their prize money.

6. Governing Law

- 6.1 Any dispute arising from or related to the present contract shall be submitted exclusively to the Courts of Vaud, Switzerland. The Court proceedings shall take place in English.

By signing this contract, the player confirms that he/she will participate in the 2017 World Cup and has in consultation with his/her national federation acquainted himself/herself with the applicable FIDE Statutes, Regulations for the 2016-2018 World Chess Championship Cycle, FIDE Code of Ethics, FIDE Anti-Doping Disciplinary Regulations, FIDE Laws of Chess and rules and regulations and accept the conditions relating to his/her participation.

Signature of the player: Full Name:

Place and date:

Signature of the FIDE Deputy President G. Makropoulos: