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Dear friends,

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome the participants of the 2018 World Schools Championship, which is scheduled to be held in Antalya, Turkey, 17-27 April 2019.

On this occasion, I would like to send on behalf of FIDE, our congratulations and express our gratitude to the Turkish Chess Federation for their continuous efforts in organizing high level international chess competitions, FIDE official events and promoting chess. World School Championships are very important for our World Chess Federation as they showcase the future of our sport and also assist in education and upbringing of our younger generation.

Additionally, I would like to thank Ms. Gulkiz Tulay, President of the Turkish Chess Federation, whose contribution to worldwide chess from the position of Vice-President in FIDE Presidential Board is deeply appreciated.

I am confident that all the participants will enjoy traditional Turkish hospitality and will succeed in demonstrating their best chess skills.

Gens Una Sumus

Yours sincerely,

Arkady Dvorkovich FIDE President