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## STATEMENT OF SUPPORT - 19 March 2010

For the upcoming FIDE elections in Khanty-Mansiysk, we hereby declare our open and full support to the ticket of FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov.

During the 15 years of Kirsan Ilyumzhinov's presidency in FIDE we have worked together for many projects towards the further development and progress of our beloved sport. Our co-operation with Kirsan Ilyumzhinov has been fruitful to the greatest extent and it has played a big positive role for the current healthy situation and financial stability of FIDE.

The World Championship cycle is now undisputed and fully funded, our Chess Olympiads and World Youth Championships are gaining more candidate organisers than ever, the FIDE rating and titles system is breaking new records of membership and chess has gained full recognition as a sport by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Kirsan Ilyumzhinov has proved to be a productive leader for FIDE. A man with vision and efficiency. We sincerely unite our voices with everyone who openly supports Kirsan's re-election as FIDE President.

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