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Mr. Nigel Freeman
FIDE Executive Director

Dear Nigel,

Thank you for your letter of today.

I response to this I would like to state the following - as you are well know after the agenda of the FIDE Presidential Board was completed and the chairman of the board closed the working session of the meeting we had a very emotional discussion. As the English is not my native language, I can assure you that the meaning of my words is the following - 'I am ready to leave the position of FIDE President if this is will be necessary for FIDE'. According to the FIDE Statutes this issue should be resolved at the FIDE General Assembly which has given me the mandate till the next elections that will be held in September, 2018. Thus, I don't see any necessity in holding of an extraordinary board meeting in April.

I urge you to publish immediately my letter of 28 March 2017 to FIDE Presidential Board members and all national chess federations which is attached.

Best regards,

FIDE President
Kirsan Ilyumzhinov