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Re: Wild Card Nomination for the 2018 FIDE World Chess Candidates Tournament

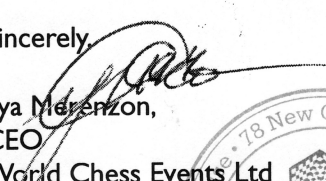
World Chess Events Ltd, the organizer of the 2018 FIDE World Chess Candidates Tournament, hereby nominates GM Vladimir Kramnik (Russian Federation) as a Wild Card choice for the Candidates Tournament that will take place in Berlin, Germany on March 10 — 28, 2018.

We believe that inviting Mr. Kramnik to the Candidates will make the Tournament line-up the strongest possible and will ensure the choice of the best challenger to incumbent World Champion, Magnus Carlsen.

World Chess in consultation with FIDE has decided to issue its Wild Card nomination before the final leg of the World Chess Grand Prix Series in consideration of the fact that should the Wild Card choice be announced, it might affect the preparation and determination of players who are fighting for the Candidates qualification via the Grand Prix Series.

We would like to congratulate Mr. Kramnik and wish him and all other participants the best of luck in the Candidates Tournament.

Sincerely,

  
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CEO  
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