

To: Mr. Morten, Madsen
President of the Norway Chess Federation

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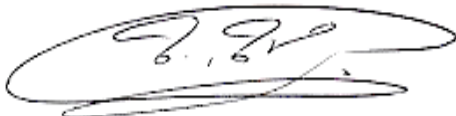
Dear Mr. Madsen,

I would like to congratulate Magnus Carlsen and his team as well the Executives and Members of the Norway Chess federation on your victory in the World Championship Match in New York.

Magnus Carlsen and Norway are very deserving to retain the World Championship title. Despite the many challenges he faced during the match he was able to stay focused and ably defend his title.

Again congratulations, I'm sure that all in Norway you are relieved and pleased, as you sure should be.

Wishing you the best,



Zurab Azmaiparashvili
European Chess Union President