



To French Friends of Chess,

I am writing to send my best wishes to the new leadership of the Fédération Française des Échecs. Perhaps I am too accustomed to the predictable elections in Putin's Russia, but in France you demonstrated that real elections are always unpredictable! This democratic clarity is the most important outcome of all, not the winner, and I hope that this model can also be applied to FIDE in 2014. French experience should lead the way to global reform.

The responsibilities of the leaders and members of the FFE are substantial, both in Europe and the entire French-speaking world. The future of our game as a tool in modern education will be on display in Paris, June 3-4, at a special conference hosted by the French Ministry of Education and the Kasparov Chess Foundation Europe. I anticipate cooperating with the FFE on making the most of this great opportunity to promote chess and its many benefits for children.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kasparov', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Garry Kasparov
April 12, 2013