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United States Consulate General
Giessener Str. 30
60435 Frankfurt am Main
Federal Republic of Germany
Re: Invitation for Mr. Konstantin Landa

Dear US Consul General:

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering of the University at Buffalo, State University of New York, wishes to invite Mr. Konstantin Landa to participate in three days of conferences and academic meetings on 21–23 April, 2014. Rooms are being provided in Davis Hall on the UB campus for the meetings, and Mr. Landa will be lodged in a University-affiliated hotel nearby. I am an Associate Professor with tenure in this department.

Mr. Landa and I are members of an international joint commission of the World Chess Federation (FIDE) and the Association of Chess Professionals (ACP) to draft new regulations and procedures for cases of computer-assisted cheating at chess events. Other members of the Commission are expected to come from Israel, Italy, France, and two other countries for these meetings, which will draft final proposals to be voted by the FIDE General Assembly to be convened in Norway in August. All of these members including Mr. Landa and myself were present at the first set of meetings in Versailles near Paris last October.

Mr. Landa's presence is especially required because he will be the only member present with the FIDE title of International Grandmaster, representing the top level of competitive chess. He has published articles of his proposals against cheating, and he will make a formal presentation during his stay. The meeting will also include a demonstration of my own software for making statistical determinations in cases of alleged cheating, and it is important that the commission make a site visit to Buffalo before entering into possible contractual agreements regarding this software.

Yours sincerely

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