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Subject: Match for the World Title

After Alexander Georgiev became World Champion in Yamoussoukro in 2019, Roel Boomstra got the right to play a match against Georgiev for the World Title. The organization of the match was allotted to KNDB, the Dutch Draughts Organization.

It was the intention that the match would be played around this time in a so-called Corona bubble, but the travel restrictions of the Netherlands were too strict and therefore Georgiev refused to travel to the Netherlands.

FMJD then investigated whether Pan Yiming, the number 2 in the World Championship in Ivory Coast, might come to the Netherlands to play the match against Boomstra. However, also for Pan it was impossible to travel to the Netherlands due to the COVID restrictions imposed by the authorities.

In the meantime, experts believe that the COVID-19 situation in the Netherlands will deteriorate sharply over the next weeks and months due to the more contagious British variant that has become dominant in many European countries. Therefore, a match to be played before the World Championship in Tallinn, that begins at the end of June, has become impossible.

It is clear that the pandemic creates an exceptional case as stipulated in **Annex 17, page 121:**

"13. Exceptional cases

All exceptional cases must be dealt with by the Executive Board".

The Executive Board, at its own discretion, therefore, has taken the following decision. Boomstra and Georgiev will play a match organized by KNDB in the fall of this year and definitely before the end of the year. KNDB, Georgiev and Boomstra have agreed to this.

The winner will go down in the books as World Champion for the period February 1st, 2021 until the end of the World Championship in Tallinn. The winner will have the same rights as if the match would have been played before the World Championship.

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