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Statement from Adam Helfant, ATP Executive Chairman & President:

Regarding: United Arab Emirates decision to grant a visa to Andy Ram to play in the Dubai Tennis Championships

"I am pleased that the efforts to secure Andy Ram's visa to compete in the ATP World Tour 500 event in Dubai next week have been successful. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) government has made the right decision in allowing Andy Ram to enter their country and compete in next week's Dubai Tennis Championships. No player, who qualifies to play an ATP World Tour event, should be denied their right to compete on the basis of ethnicity, nationality or religion and we are happy that the Dubai Tennis Championships and the UAE have shown that they share that view."

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