

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

**Exhibit B to Registration Statement
Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of
1938, as amended**

INSTRUCTIONS. A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements, or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit B form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

Privacy Act Statement. The filing of this document is required for the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, for the purposes of registration under the Act and public disclosure. Provision of the information requested is mandatory, and failure to provide the information is subject to the penalty and enforcement provisions established in Section 8 of the Act. Every registration statement, short form registration statement, supplemental statement, exhibit, amendment, copy of informational materials or other document or information filed with the Attorney General under this Act is a public record open to public examination, inspection and copying during the posted business hours of the FARA Unit in Washington, DC. Statements are also available online at the FARA Unit's webpage: <https://www.fara.gov>. One copy of every such document, other than informational materials, is automatically provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, and copies of any and all documents are routinely made available to other agencies, departments and Congress pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act. The Attorney General also transmits a semi-annual report to Congress on the administration of the Act which lists the names of all agents registered under the Act and the foreign principals they represent. This report is available to the public in print and online at: <https://www.fara.gov>.

Public Reporting Burden. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .32 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Chief, FARA Unit, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Name of Registrant Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP	2. Registration Number 3492
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3. Name of Foreign Principal
Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan

Check Appropriate Box:

4. The agreement between the registrant and the above-named foreign principal is a formal written contract. If this box is checked, attach a copy of the contract to this exhibit.
5. There is no formal written contract between the registrant and the foreign principal. The agreement with the above-named foreign principal has resulted from an exchange of correspondence. If this box is checked, attach a copy of all pertinent correspondence, including a copy of any initial proposal which has been adopted by reference in such correspondence.
6. The agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal is the result of neither a formal written contract nor an exchange of correspondence between the parties. If this box is checked, give a complete description below of the terms and conditions of the oral agreement or understanding, its duration, the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.
7. What is the date of the contract or agreement with the foreign principal? 09/15/2023
8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

Engage in advocacy before the U.S. Congress, Administration, and other political stakeholders in creating a strong bilateral investment and trade landscape between the U.S. and Uzbekistan.

9. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

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10. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act¹.

Yes No

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose. The response must include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

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11. Prior to the date of registration² for this foreign principal has the registrant engaged in any registrable activities, such as political activities, for this foreign principal?

Yes No N/A - This statement is filed to update the registrant's agreement/contract with the foreign principal.

If yes, describe in full detail all such activities. The response should include, among other things, the relations, interests, and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored, or delivered speeches, lectures, social media, internet postings, or media broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers, and subject matter. The response must also include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

Set forth below a general description of the registrant's activities, including political activities.

Set forth below in the required detail the registrant's political activities.

Date	Contact	Method	Purpose
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12. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register³ for this foreign principal, has the registrant received from the foreign principal, or from any other source, for or in the interests of the foreign principal, any contributions, income, money, or thing of value either as compensation, or for disbursement, or otherwise?

Yes No N/A - This statement is filed to update the registrant's agreement/contract with the foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

Date Received	From Whom	Purpose	Amount/Thing of Value
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13. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register⁴ for this foreign principal, has the registrant disbursed or expended monies, or disposed of anything of value other than money, in connection with activity on behalf of the foreign principal or transmitted monies to any such foreign principal?

Yes No N/A - This statement is filed to update the registrant's agreement/contract with the foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

Date	Recipient	Purpose	Amount/Thing of Value
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¹ "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

^{2,3,4} Pursuant to Section 2(a) of the Act, an agent must register within ten days of becoming an agent, and before acting as such.

EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and subject to the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 22 U.S.C. § 618, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this statement filed pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof, and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Date	Printed Name	Signature
11/10/2023	Melissa Laurenza	/s/Melissa Laurenza
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Date

Printed Name

Signature

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ENGAGEMENT LETTER
September 15, 2023

H.E. Mr. Abidov Badriddin
Deputy Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade
Republic of Uzbekistan
Islam Karimov Street, 1, 100029
Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Re: Akin Proposal to the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan on WTO Accession,
WTO Capacity Building and Harmonization on Laws

Dear H.E. Badriddin:

We refer to the conversations we have had over the course of the last several months with Mr. Atabek Nazirov, General Director of the Direct Investment Fund of Uzbekistan, and his counsel.

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP (“Akin”) would be honored to assist the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter the “Government” or “Uzbekistan”) in connection with (1) acceding in a timely fashion to the World Trade Organization (“WTO”) by (2) revising its existing laws to ensure WTO harmonization; (3) helping with WTO capacity building; and (4) setting up Special Economic Zones in Uzbekistan with application of English law. The firm appreciates your confidence in us, and we look forward to working with you.

We are honored to be currently involved in the reform process developing in Uzbekistan and are very pleased that our cooperation has begun successfully to date. The purpose of this letter is to confirm our willingness to act as counsel on the specified scope of engagement described above and to provide you certain information concerning our fees, billing and collection policies, and other terms that will govern our relationship.

At the beginning of our representation of a client, the firm’s policy is to describe the manner in which we will bill for legal services and disbursements. A clear understanding of those matters helps to maintain a harmonious professional relationship. We encourage you to consider the matters set forth in this letter carefully and to raise with us any question that you may have now or later about its contents. We refer matters to those lawyers in this firm who in our judgment can perform the highest quality work, in a timely and efficient manner, and at the lowest cost. We also employ additional advisors in tasks where lawyers are not necessary, to facilitate the efficient performance of services.

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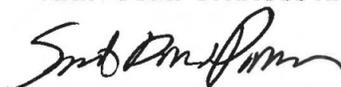
For the three workstreams described above and in detail in the attached Proposal, the fee for our engagement will be a **fixed monthly retainer of \$150,000 per month for a 10-month period**, commencing **September 15, 2023**, through **June 15, 2024**. This fee does not cover any out-of-pocket expenses, including travel expenses to Uzbekistan and translation support. The fixed monthly retainer will be billed in advance in 60-day increments and out-of-pocket expenses in arrears every 60 days. To the extent the comprehensive workstreams described prove to be more time-consuming than the parties presently anticipate, or unforeseen workstreams arise, the parties agree to revisit the fee arrangement and discuss in good faith whether any adjustments are needed.

If the terms described above are satisfactory, please sign the enclosed copy of this letter and return a signed copy.

If you choose not to notify us in writing of any objection to these terms, then that will also serve as agreement to these terms, subject, of course, to your right to terminate our engagement at any time.

Sincerely yours,

AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP



Mr. Scott David Parven
Partner

AGREED:

Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan

By:



H.E. Mr. Abidov Badriddin
Deputy Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade

Date:

