

U.S. Department of Justice
 Washington, DC 20530

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

INSTRUCTIONS. Furnish this exhibit for EACH foreign principal listed in an initial statement and for EACH additional foreign principal acquired subsequently. The filing of this document requires the payment of a filing fee as set forth in Rule (d)(1), 28 C.F.R. § 5.5(d)(1). Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit A form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

Privacy Act Statement. The filing of this document is required by 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 this 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 .22 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. Primary Address of Registrant
2001 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006

4. Name of Foreign Principal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan	5. Address of Foreign Principal 45A Islam Karimov Street Tashkent UZBEKISTAN 100003
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6. Country/Region Represented
UZBEKISTAN

7. Indicate whether the foreign principal is one of the following:

Government of a foreign country¹

Foreign political party

Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary group
<input type="checkbox"/> Association	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>) _____

Individual-State nationality _____

8. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:

a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

b) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages
saidov Bakhityor odilovich - Foreign Minister

¹ "Government of a foreign country," as defined in Section 1(e) of the Act, includes any person or group of persons exercising sovereign de facto or de jure political jurisdiction over any country, other than the United States, or over any part of such country, and includes any subdivision of any such group and any group or agency to which such sovereign de facto or de jure authority or functions are directly or indirectly delegated. Such term shall include any faction or body of insurgents within a country assuming to exercise governmental authority whether such faction or body of insurgents has or has not been recognized by the United States.

9. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state:

- a) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages

- b) Aim, mission or objective of foreign political party

10. If the foreign principal is not a foreign government or a foreign political party:

a) State the nature of the business or activity of this foreign principal.

b) Is this foreign principal:

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|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

11. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 10(b).

12. If the foreign principal is an organization and is not owned or controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party or other foreign principal, state who owns and controls it.

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
12/19/2024	Melissa Laurenza	<input data-bbox="886 405 954 443" type="text" value="Sign"/> /s/Melissa Laurenza
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="886 489 954 527" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="886 573 954 611" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="886 657 954 695" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____

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Date

Printed Name

Signature

	MELISSA LAURENZA	

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>.

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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 Foreign Affairs of the Republic 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? 12/10/2024
8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

Registrant has agreed to engage in advocacy before the U.S. Congress, Administration, and other political stakeholders in connection with creating a strong bilateral relationship between the United States and the Republic of Uzbekistan.

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

Engage in advocacy before the U.S. Congress, Administration, and other political stakeholders in connection with creating a strong bilateral relationship between the United States and the Republic of Uzbekistan.

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.

Engage in advocacy before the U.S. Congress, Administration, and other political stakeholders in connection with creating a strong bilateral relationship between the United States and the Republic of Uzbekistan.

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

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

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

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

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Date	Printed Name	Signature
12/19/2024	Melissa Laurenza	/s/Melissa Laurenza
_____	_____	Sign _____
_____	_____	Sign _____
_____	_____	Sign _____

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Date

Printed Name

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December 10, 2024

Saidov Bakhityor Odilovich
Foreign Minister
Republic of Uzbekistan,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
45A Islam Karimov Street
Tashkent, 100003
Uzbekistan

Re: Terms of Engagement

Your Excellency:

I am pleased to confirm our representation of Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), before the U.S. Congress, Trump Administration, and other political stakeholders, in connection with creating a strong bilateral relationship between the United States and the Republic of Uzbekistan. The firm appreciates your confidence in us, and we look forward to working with you.

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. I 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 non-lawyer personnel in tasks where lawyers are not necessary, to facilitate the efficient performance of services.

Client will be billed a flat fee of \$50,000 per month for a period of six months, effective December 10, 2024 through June 10, 2025. In addition, expenses advanced on your behalf or internal charges for administrative services (which may exceed our direct costs) are added to the statement rendered for the month in which such expenses or charges are recorded in our billing system.

Our standard practice is to bill on a monthly basis. This allows our clients to monitor both current and cumulative fees and expenses. We require that payment of statements be made within 30 days of receipt, and we may suspend or terminate any work in progress if timely payment is not made. We may also withdraw from the representation in a manner consistent with applicable ethical standards.

Attached to this letter is our Statement of Firm Policies (the "**Statement**") that will apply to our representation of you in the matter set forth above and in each matter agreed to from time to time. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the Statement and the terms of this letter, the terms of this letter shall control. Please review these policies and let me know if you have any questions concerning them.

If the terms described above and in the attached Statement 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

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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,

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP



Scott David Parven

12/10/24

Date

Enclosure(s)

AGREED:

By The Embassy of Uzbekistan in the United States on behalf of
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), The Republic of
Uzbekistan

By:  _____

Date: 12/19/24 . _____