

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>.

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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 Embassy of the Republic of Korea	5. Address of Foreign Principal 2450 Massachusetts Avenue NW Washington, DC 20008
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6. Country/Region Represented  
KOREA, SOUTH

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

- Government of a foreign country<sup>1</sup>
- Foreign political party
- Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following:
  - Partnership
  - Corporation
  - Association
  - Committee
  - Voluntary group
  - Other (*specify*) \_\_\_\_\_
- Individual-State nationality \_\_\_\_\_

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

- a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant  
Embassy of the Republic of Korea
- b) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages  
Sarah Ahn - Economic Minister

<sup>1</sup> "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.

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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

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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:

Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes  No

Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes  No

Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes  No

Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes  No

Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes  No

Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes  No

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

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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.

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**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
03/03/2026	Melissa L. Laurenza	<input type="text" value="Sign"/> /s/Melissa L. Laurenza
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Date

Printed Name

Signature

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**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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3. Name of Foreign Principal  
 Embassy of the Republic of Korea

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, and the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.
- 7. What is the date of the contract or agreement with the foreign principal? 02/24/2026
- 8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

Registrant has agreed to engage with the U.S. Congress and the Administration on behalf of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in connection with the Partner with Korea Act in Congress (the "Act"). The Act seeks to further strengthen the bilateral strategic and economic relationship by securing new visa classification and allow for highly skilled Korean professionals to operate in the United States. Registrant will also conduct monitoring and intelligence gathering of relevant trade and economic policy developments at the Embassy's request.

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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 Act.<sup>1</sup>

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.

See Appendix for Response

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11. Prior to the date of registration<sup>2</sup> for this foreign principal has the registrant engaged in any registrable activities, including 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 register<sup>3</sup> to the date of registration 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 register<sup>4</sup> to the date of registration 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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<sup>1</sup> "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.

<sup>2,3,4</sup> 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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## **Appendix Response to Item 10**

**Item 10: Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act. 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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February 03, 2026

Sarah Ahn  
Economic Minister  
Embassy of the Republic of Korea  
2450 Massachusetts Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20008

Re: Terms of Engagement

Dear Ms. Ahn:

I am pleased to confirm our representation of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea ("the Embassy") in connection with the *Partner with Korea Act* in Congress, which seeks to further strengthen the bilateral strategic and economic relationship by securing a new visa classification and allow for highly skilled Korean professionals to operate in the United States.

Our representation will be in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this engagement letter. For this matter we will pursue direct engagement with and on behalf of the Embassy to advance the *Partner with Korea Act* in the U.S. Congress and the Trump Administration. This will include facilitating meetings with key Administration officials as well as Members of Congress and congressional staff in Washington, DC, and, when and where appropriate or requested, in the Member's home states or Congressional Districts. Furthermore, Akin will conduct monitoring and intelligence gathering of relevant trade and economic policy developments, provide legal analysis and advice on U.S. immigration law as well as trade and economic policies and written memoranda, such as policy analysis and legislative updates on these matters at the Embassy's request.

Based on the scope of work for this engagement, Akin will carry this out this initial phase on a guaranteed fixed fee arrangement of \$35,000 per month for the period of February 16, 2026 to June 30, 2026, at which point we hope there will be an assessment of the work completed to date and the potential to continue the representation.

Our standard practice is to bill on a monthly basis. However, we will submit one invoice in the amount of USD 157,500.00 covering the duration of this engagement phase. We require that payment 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.

**Akin**

Sarah Ahn  
February 03, 2026  
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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 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

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Scott David Parven

**AGREED:**

Embassy of the Republic of Korea

By: *Sarah Ahn*  
Sarah Ahn  
Economic Minister

Date: 2/24/2026