

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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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 Independent Diplomat, Inc.	2. Registration Number 5860
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3. Primary Address of Registrant
234 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10001

4. Name of Foreign Principal Arakan Rohingya National Alliance (ARNA)	5. Address of Foreign Principal N/A - Global Umbrella Association London UNITED KINGDOM
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6. Country/Region Represented
BURMA

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

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.
See Appendix for Response

b) Is this foreign principal:

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

See Appendix for Response

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
10/21/2024	Reza Afshar	Sign /s/Reza Afshar
_____	_____	Sign _____
_____	_____	Sign _____
_____	_____	Sign _____

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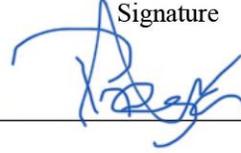
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Printed Name

Signature

30 May 2023

Reza Afshar



Appendix Response to Item 10(a)

ARNA is an umbrella association of civil society organizations and activists which brings together a coalition of Rohingya civil society organizations and activists as part of the diaspora in Europe and North America, and the refugee community living in Cox's Bazar (Bangladesh). The primary objective of ARNA is to bring about unity and coherence for the Rohingya people under one alliance, amplifying their voices, and to achieve their right of self-determination within the Federal Union of Myanmar. This includes advocating for their right to return to their homes, securing justice for atrocities, and ensuring their political and human rights are recognized and upheld.

Appendix Response to Item 12

Item 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.

ARNA is made up and controlled by global Rohingya organizations and activists, including representatives from refugee camps. The member organizations include:

Arakan Rohingya National Organisation (ARNO)
Arakan Rohingya Union (ARU)
Rohingya Intellectual Community Association of Australia
Rohingya Women Welfare Society (RWWS)
Rohingya Organisation Norway (RON)
Rohingya American Society (RAS)
Canadian Burmese Rohingya Organisation (CBRO)
United Rohingya women Welfare Association
Rohingya Youth Association (RYS)
Arakan Rohingya Development Association - Australia (ARDA)

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**Exhibit B to Registration Statement
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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

Independent Diplomat, Inc.

2. Registration Number

5860

3. Name of Foreign Principal

Arakan Rohingya National Alliance (ARNA)

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? 09/04/2024
8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

Independent Diplomat will provide advice and support as needed related to the diplomatic outreach of the Arakan Rohingya National Alliance (ARNA). The work is supported by grant funding from the Oak Foundation, but the grant is not exclusively for work related to the foreign principal and pre-dates this agreement with the foreign principal. The work does not have a pre-defined duration and no fees or expenses will be charged to the foreign principal.

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

- (a) Facilitation of diplomatic engagement;
- (b) Preparation and follow-up for diplomatic engagement;
- (c) Public diplomacy

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.

Facilitate diplomatic visits, which include Washington DC, including meetings with US Government officials, Congressional and Senate (principals and staffers). Staff members may seek US Government views by meeting with US Government officials.

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.

ID set up and facilitated a visit to Washington DC, which included meetings with think tanks and US Government officials.

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

Date	Contact	Method	Purpose
See Appendix for Response			

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
05/24/2024	oak Foundation	Funds received from a grant that pre-dates the foreign principal agreement with broader purpose and not for exclusive use of this work, but may be used to support it.	\$ 123,300.00
			\$ 123,300.00
			Total

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
09/04/2024- 10/21/2024	Direct Expenditure	Travel, Accommodation, and related expenses & support from counsel.	\$ 7,513.21
			\$ 7,513.21
			Total

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.

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Date	Printed Name	Signature
10/21/2024	Reza Afshar	<input type="text" value="Sign"/> /s/Reza Afshar
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_____	_____	<input type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
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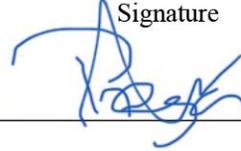
Date

Printed Name

Signature

30 May 2023

Reza Afshar



Appendix Response to Item 11-List

Item 11-List: Prior to the date of registration for this foreign principal has the registrant engaged in any registrable activities, such as political activities, for this 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 in the required detail the registrant's political activities.

Date	Contact	Method	Purpose
09/04/2024	Hosted by NLI Director Azeem Ibrahim and attended by Deputy Director of Emgage, Iman Awad, partners at Orion Strategies, Mike Mitchell, Stimson Center Senior Fellow Steve Ross, Myanmar Policy Institute President Zaw Zaw Tuseng; Myanmar Policy Institute Senior Legal Researcher Rosalinn Zahau, and nonresident senior fellow for the Atlantic Council Kellie Currie.	Roundtable briefing at New Lines Institute (NLI)	Briefing on worsening humanitarian crisis in the Rakhine and atrocities against the Rohingya by the Arakan Army, and steps for the inclusion of the Rohingya in the political process.
09/04/2024	United State Institute for Peace: Program Officer Billy Ford, Program Specialist Sarah Harper-Johnston, and fellow Nang Raw;	Meeting	Briefing on worsening humanitarian crisis in the Rakhine and atrocities against the Rohingya by the Arakan Army, steps USIP can take to uphold human rights and pursue accountability in Burma.
09/05/2024	House Foreign Affairs Council Staff: Senior Professional Staff Member Anubhav Gupta	Meeting	Purpose: Briefing on worsening humanitarian crisis in the Rakhine and atrocities against the Rohingya by the Arakan Army, steps Congress can take to uphold human rights and pursue accountability in Burma.
09/05/2024	Office of Senator Durbin: Legislative Assistant Maggie Angel	Meeting	Briefing on worsening humanitarian crisis in the Rakhine and atrocities against the Rohingya by the Arakan Army, steps Congress can take to uphold human rights and pursue accountability in Burma.
09/05/2024	Office of Senator Schumer: Legislative Aid Yazeed Abdelhaq and Legislative Correspondent Shyla Alam	Meeting	Briefing on worsening humanitarian crisis in the Rakhine and atrocities against the Rohingya by the Arakan Army, steps Congress can take to uphold human rights and pursue accountability in Burma.
09/05/2024	State Department: Erin Kimsey, Senior Burma Desk Officer; Jennifer Elksnitis, Burma Desk Officer, Liam McGurn, Office of Mainland Southeast Asia, and two colleagues from the department for Interreligious Freedom, James H Staley and Tina Mufford.	Meeting	Purpose: Briefing on worsening humanitarian crisis in the Rakhine and atrocities against the Rohingya by the Arakan Army, and steps for the inclusion of the Rohingya in the political process.
09/17/2024	National Security Council: Nicole Smolinske, Director for Southeast Asia and Seamus Whitesel, Director for Southeast Asia Regional Affairs	Meeting	Purpose: Briefing on worsening humanitarian crisis in the Rakhine and atrocities against the Rohingya by the Arakan Army, and steps for the inclusion of the Rohingya in the political process, and regional-led efforts in facilitating a political solution.
09/17/2024	Office of Senator Rubio staff: S.Cole Ireland, Legislative Correspondent	Meeting	Purpose: Briefing on worsening humanitarian crisis in the Rakhine and atrocities against the Rohingya by the Arakan Army

	and Ken Vogel, Foreign Policy Fellow		
09/18/2024	State Department: Liam McGurn, Office of Mainland Southeast Asia, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs	Meeting	Briefing on worsening humanitarian crisis in the Rakhine and atrocities against the Rohingya by the Arakan Army, and steps for the inclusion of the Rohingya in the political process, and regional-led efforts in facilitating a political solution.
09/18/2024	National Security Council: Seamus Whitesel, Director for Southeast Asia Regional Affairs	Meeting	Briefing on worsening humanitarian crisis in the Rakhine and steps for the inclusion of the Rohingya in the political process, and regional-led efforts in facilitating a political solution.
09/18/2024	Office of Congresswoman Rosa	Meeting	Briefing on worsening humanitarian crisis in the Rakhine and atrocities against the Rohingya by the Arakan Army