U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement
Pursuant to Section 2 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

OMB NO.1124-0002

For Six Month Period Ending 05/31/2009
(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant
Policy Impact Communications, Inc.

(b) Registration No.
5936

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant
1401 K Street, NW
Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

(a)	If an individual:			
	(1) Residence address(es)	Yes ☐	No ☒	
	(2) Citizenship	Yes ☐	No ☒	
	(3) Occupation	Yes ☐	No ☒	
(b)	If an organization:			
	(1) Name	Yes ☐	No ☒	
	(2) Ownership or control	Yes ☐	No ☒	
	(3) Branch offices	Yes ☐	No ☒	

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

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IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C[1], state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.
Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

N/A

1 The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date connection ended
None	None	None

(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
None	None	None	None	None

5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

None

(b) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	Date terminated
Joshua Heath	Public Relations	12/08/09
Yerbol Bekmyrza	Government Relations	12/25/09

(c) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
None	None	None	None	None

6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

N/A

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?
Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date of termination
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan	05/31/10

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal[2] during this 6 month reporting period?
Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal	Date acquired
None	None

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals[2] whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan (up through May 31, 2010)

10. **EXHIBITS A AND B**

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A[3] Yes ☐ No ☐
Exhibit B[4] Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during the 6 month period? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

2 The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

3 The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157), sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

4 The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155), sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

See attached

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity[5] as defined below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, 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 or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

See attached

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

N/A

5 The term "political activities" means any activity that 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.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) **RECEIPTS -MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why.

N/A

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies[6].

Date	From whom	Purpose	Amount
12/07/2009	The Republic of Kazakhstan	Retainer	$200,000.00
02/26/2010	The Republic of Kazakhstan	Retainer	$200,000.00
04/05/2010	The Republic of Kazakhstan	For consultation services	$57,500
05/27/10	The Republic of Kazakhstan	Retainer	$400,000.00
			$857,500.00 Total

(b) **RECEIPTS – FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign[7], any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D[8] to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date None

(c) **RECEIPTS – THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value[9] other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose
None	None	None	None

6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS – MONIES**
During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

N/A

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To whom	Purpose	Amount
12/01/2009-05/31/2010		Office Expenses (postage, telephone, fax, messenger service, photocopying)	$1,000.00
04/05/10	OKW Holdings	Consultation Services	$57,500

$58,500.00
Total

(b) **DISBURSEMENTS – THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value[10] other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
None	None	None	None	None

(c) **DISBURSEMENTS – POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value[11] in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate
None	None	None	None

10, 11 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials[12]?
Yes ☒ No ☐

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

None

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

☐ Radio or TV broadcasts	☐ Magazine or newspaper articles	☐ Motion picture films	☐ Letters or telegrams
☐ Advertising campaigns	☒ Press releases	☐ Pamphlets or other publications	☐ Lectures or speeches
☐ Internet	☐ Other (specify) _____		

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

☐ Public officials	☒ Newspapers	☐ Libraries
☐ Legislators	☒ Editors	☐ Educational institutions
☐ Government agencies	☐ Civic groups or associations	☐ Nationality groups
☐ Other (specify) _____		

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

☒ English ☐ Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?
Yes ☐ No ☒

12 The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI – EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)	(Type or print name under each signature[13])
July 5, 2010	Benjamin May

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13 This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FARA REGISTRATION UNIT
NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

NOTICE

Please answer the following questions and return this sheet in triplicate with your Supplemental Statement:

1. Is your answer to Item 16 of Section V (Informational Materials – page 8 of Form NSD-2, formerly Form CRM-154 Supplemental Statement):

YES_____X_____ or NO_____

(If your answer to question 1 is "yes" do not answer question 2 of this form.)

2. Do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration:

YES_____X_____ or NO_____

(If your answer to question 2 is "yes" please forward for our review copies of all material including: films, film catalogs, posters, brochures, press releases, etc. which you have disseminated during the past six months.)

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Signature

July 5, 2010
Date

Benjamin May
Please type or print name of
Signatory on the line above

Corporate Counsel
Title

U.S. Department of Justice

National Security Division

Washington, DC 20530

THIS FORM IS TO BE AN OFFICIAL ATTACHMENT TO YOUR CURRENT SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT - PLEASE EXECUTE IN TRIPLICATE

SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons of your organization filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please show the date of termination.

Short Form List for Registrant: Policy Impact Communications, Inc.

Last Name	First Name and Other Names	Registration Date	Termination Date	Role
Bodmer	Leonardo	05/28/2009		
~~Bekmyrza~~	~~Yerbol~~	~~05/28/2009~~	12/25/09	Government Relations
Haddow	John M.	05/28/2009		
~~Heath~~	~~Joshua~~	~~05/28/2009~~	12/08/09	Public Relations
Hiatt	John Drew	05/28/2009		
May	Benjamin	05/28/2009		
Morley	Ryan	05/28/2009		
Nixon	William	05/28/2009		
Salmon	Matthew	05/28/2009		
Steinburg	Craig	05/28/2009		
Waldrip	Matthew	05/28/2009		
Lingard	Sarah	01/04/2010		

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SECTION B

In addition to those persons listed in Section A, list below all current employees rendering services directly on behalf of the foreign principals(s) who have not filed short-form registration statements. (Do not list clerks, secretaries, typists or employees in a similar or related capacity). If there is some question as to whether an employee has an obligation to file a short-form, please address a letter to the Registration Unit describing the activities and connection with the foreign principal.

Name	Function	Date Hired
None		

Signature: _____ Date: July 6, 2010

Title: Corporate Counsel

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III. Activities
11. Activities for foreign principal

Over the past 6 months, we have worked with the Kazakh embassy with their public relations here in the U.S. Primarily, this involved writing press releases, following through on our media strategy—which includes Web 2.0, monitoring mainstream and online media about Kazakhstan, working with the embassy to maintain their web site, and helping Ambassador Erlan Idrissov, Kazakhstan's ambassador to the U.S., maintain his blog—and counseling the embassy on documents they produce. During this reporting period, we also arranged for Ambassador Idrissov to meet with Wall Street Journal reporters.

Some of the events that we focused on over the past 6 months are: An OSCE reception attended by Ambassador Idrissov; Kazakhstan's Foreign Prime Minister Saudabayev's visit to Washington, D.C., where he addressed the Helsinki Commission and the Atlantic Council; Kazakhstan's Deputy Foreign Minister Kayrat Umarov where he addressed a CSIS-IND roundtable; and a concert series of Kazakh groups that coincided with Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev's visit where he met with President Barack Obama, attended the Nuclear Security Summit, and an EastWest Institute reception.

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12. Political Activities

Over the past 6 months, our political activities primarily consisted of setting up meetings between Kazakh embassy personnel and Congressional offices to discuss Kazakhstan generally.

Our contacts made associated with these visits are:

01/17/10	The offices of Sen. Bill Nelson; Sen. Orrin Hatch; Cong. Joe Baca; Cong. Dan Burton; Cong. Jim Clyburn; Sen. Bill Rische; and Cong. Alcee Hasting
01/26/10	Followed up with Sen. Hatch and Cong. Baca's office
01/31/10	The offices of Sen. Hatch, Cong. Hasting, and Cong. Burton
02/01/10	Cong. Issa
02/02/10	The offices of Cong. McKeon, Sen. Hatch and Cong. Burton
03/04/10	Sen. Hatch and Sen. Crapo's offices
03/30/10	Chris Soscha in Sen. Rish's office
04/05/10	Sen. Rish's office
04/06/10	Cong. Baucus's office

On March 7, 2010 we also met in the House of Representatives with David Thomas (Republican Trade Counsel), Jason Kearns (Democratic Trade Counsel) of the House Ways and Means Committee, and Rachel Alexander (Counsel to Cong. Wally Herger) and met in the Senate Finance Committee with Hun Quach (International Trade Analyst – Democratic Staff), Michael Smart (International Trade Counsel – Democratic Staff), and David Ross (International Trade Counsel – Republican Staff) on issues affecting the WTO, Common Union, and Jackson-Vanik.

MEDIA ADVISORY

February 1, 2010

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OSCE Chairman-in-Office to Present Kazakhstan's 2010 OSCE Priorities to Helsinki Commission

Who: H.E. Kanat Bekmurzayevich Saudabayev, Secretary of State-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, who serves as the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).

What: Minister Saudabayev will present Kazakhstan's priorities for its OSCE chairmanship to the Helsinki Commission as part of the hearing on "Kazakhstan's Leadership of the OSCE."

When: Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 10 a.m.

Where: 1100 Longworth Office Building. U.S. House of Representatives.

Why: Minister Saudabayev will discuss Kazakhstan's chairmanship and priorities for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). Specifically, he will present his nation's plans for reinvigorating the organization to play a constructive role in assisting the United States and other OSCE partners to address terrorism, nuclear non-proliferation, security, and other significant threats and regional challenges with far-reaching global impact and consequences in Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, and Pakistan.

The Republic of Kazakhstan, a leading emerging democracy in Central Asia with a strong economy, gained its independence from the former Soviet Union in 1991. In 2007, OSCE member states unanimously designated Kazakhstan as chair for 2010.

The selection of Kazakhstan to lead the world's largest security organization represents a number of "firsts" for the OSCE. This strategic U.S. partner and ally is the first former Soviet state, the first predominantly Muslim country, and the first country east of Vienna to be accorded the honor of presiding over the OSCE.

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Kazakhstan Outlines Priorities for OSCE Chairmanship Before Congressional Panel

Special focus on Afghanistan pledged; OSCE summit proposed

Washington, D.C.—February 2, 2010 | The Republic of Kazakhstan's Secretary of State-Foreign Minister Kanat Saudabayev today told the U.S. Helsinki Commission in Congress that challenges and threats in Afghanistan would top the list of priorities during Kazakhstan's year-long chairmanship of the 56-nation Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).

"Afghanistan is a priority focus for the United States, and it will be for the OSCE during our chairmanship," said Saudabayev, who serves as the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office. Kazakhstan has already contributed to Afghan reconstruction efforts by donating $50 million to build roads, schools, hospitals, and other facilities, as well as to provide vocational training for 1,000 Afghan citizens at Kazakh universities.

"This support," added Saudabayev, "will help the Afghan people transform their war-torn country into a peaceful, productive society. This will contribute greatly to increasing global security and reducing illicit drug trafficking, a major source of terrorist funding."

Improving the mechanisms for combating human trafficking, particularly in children, is another top priority. Given Kazakhstan's recognized leadership in nuclear nonproliferation, Saudabayev stated that he will work to increase the organization's contribution to achieving the goals of UN Security Council Resolution 1540 and supporting global nuclear disarmament efforts.

"One of our top priorities is to strengthen the OSCE's cooperation with other international organizations and institutions and to focus on unifying the member states through a summit. Our nations are faced with unprecedented challenges and together we can develop viable solutions to ensure peace and prosperity for all our citizens," said Saudabayev. The last OSCE summit was held nearly 11 years ago in Istanbul.

"We are deeply gratified and encouraged by the strong support that Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL), who co-chairs the U.S. Helsinki Commission; panel member Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA); as well as Del. Eni Faleomavaega (D-American Samoa) expressed for Kazakhstan's OSCE summit proposal at today's hearing," said Saudabayev. "Support and momentum for a summit continue to build."

OSCE member states unanimously selected Kazakhstan to lead the organization in 2010. It is the first former Soviet state, the first predominantly Muslim country, and the first nation east of Vienna to be accorded this honor.

Saudabayev attributed Kazakhstan's selection to lead the OSCE to international recognition of the country's signal achievements under the transformative leadership of President Nursultan Nazarbayev: "Since our country gained its independence in 1991, President Nazarbayev has led Kazakhstan in becoming a strong and evolving democracy with a vibrant economy. He has also demonstrated Kazakhstan's commitment to regional and global security, specifically through its renunciation of the world's fourth largest nuclear arsenal and elimination of the second largest nuclear test facility."

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Embassy of Kazakhstan Launches 2010 Cultural Festival with Traditional Music, Food, Art

Festival to strengthen cultural ties between U.S., Kazakhstan

Washington, D.C. | April 15, 2010—The Embassy of Kazakhstan this week launched the 2010 Washington Kazakhstan Festival celebrating and sharing Kazakh culture with the American public through performances and exhibitions. On Wednesday, the Smithsonian Institution hosted the kick-off event featuring traditional Kazakh art, food, and music.

"We are thrilled for this opportunity to share a glimpse and taste of our culture with the American people," said H.E. Erlan Idrissov, Kazakhstan's ambassador to the United States. "No doubt we will see stronger relations between our two countries develop as a result."

Distinguished guests attended the reception, including ambassadors, business leaders, and representatives from Chevron and the Smithsonian Institution. The Smithsonian online exhibition *Discover Kazakhstan: The Expeditions of Chokan Valikhanov,* which highlights the life and work of one of Kazakhstan's most revered explorers and ethnographers, was unveiled at the reception. Chevron is sponsoring the festival exhibition. The event also included displays of Kazakh art and artifacts, traditional food, and performances by three musical groups that will perform at other local venues this week.

The planned events and performances—lasting from April 15 to December 31, 2010—will showcase Kazakhstan and its rich heritage of music, science, art, and international influence. The festival activities begin with performances by the three Kazakh musical groups featured at the reception. The Student Jazz Band of the Kazakh National Academy of Music performs Thursday, April 15, at 8 p.m. at the National Building Museum. The Presidential Folk Orchestra of the Republic of Kazakhstan will also play Thursday, April 15, at 8 p.m. at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. Ulytau, the popular Kazakh folk-rock band, will perform at George Washington University's Lisner Auditorium Saturday, April 17, at 6 p.m. All three events are open to the public.

"Bringing Kazakh culture to the United States is an integral part of strengthening the bonds between our two nations," Idrissov added. "While Kazakhstan enjoys strong bilateral relations with the United States, we also want to develop relationships—on a person-to-person level—with the American people. Whether it be through the beauty of music or the intrigue of history, we hope all who take part in the events of the festival will open their minds and hearts to Kazakhstan and its people."

For more information about the 2010 Washington Kazakhstan Festival, please visit www.kazakhembus.com.

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Kazakh President Nazarbayev to Outline Road Map for Nonproliferation, Peaceful Energy Use at Nuclear Security Summit

Nazarbayev plan reduced international nuclear terrorism threat; increased Kazakh, U.S., global security

Washington, D.C. | April 8, 2010—Republic of Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev will discuss his successful road map for nuclear nonproliferation and peaceful energy use with President Obama and more than 40 heads of state at the Nuclear Security Summit, April 12-13, in Washington, D.C. His own plan reduced the threat of international nuclear terrorism and enhanced Kazakh, U.S., and global security.

"I commend President Obama for his leadership in convening the Nuclear Security Summit. It will provide a framework for preventing nuclear terrorism," said Nazarbayev. "I am coming to share with President Obama and other heads of state the bold plan Kazakhstan implemented to reduce and prevent the threat of nuclear terrorism through nuclear disarmament, nonproliferation, and peaceful civilian power use. It has worked well for Kazakhstan and it can work for the rest of the world."

After gaining its independence from the former Soviet Union in 1991, Kazakhstan inherited the world's fourth largest nuclear missile arsenal and the second largest nuclear test site at Semipalatinsk. The Soviet Union conducted some 460 nuclear weapons tests at this site from 1947 to 1989. To put this in perspective, the total impact of nuclear explosions in Kazakhstan was 45,000 times greater than that of the Hiroshima nuclear bomb. As a result of these tests, 1.5 million Kazakhs were exposed to dangerously high levels of radiation.

In 1991, Nazarbayev made the moral decision to dismantle the nuclear test site and eliminate 104 intercontinental ballistic missiles and 1,410 nuclear warheads—many targeting the United States. This decision signaled to the world Kazakhstan's commitment to renounce any nuclear ambitions in favor of peaceful nuclear energy.

Today, Kazakhstan has one-fifth of the world's natural uranium supply. It has dedicated significant resources to develop cutting-edge peaceful nuclear technologies and supports initiatives for improving the safety of nuclear fuel. These include an offer by Nazarbayev to host an international nuclear fuel bank in Kazakhstan under the direction of the International Atomic Energy Agency, enabling responsible countries to purchase fuel for civilian nuclear energy reactors.

"I can think of no other head of state who has done more to prevent nuclear terrorism in our day than President Nazarbayev," said Kazakh Secretary of State-Foreign Minister Kanat Saudabeyev who will also attend the summit. "By keeping nuclear material and weapons of mass destruction out of the hands of terrorists who would harm the United States and other nations, he has made the world safer and more secure for everyone."

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Kazakhstan, U.S. Sign Science, Technology Cooperation Accord

Agreement to expand partnership, facilitate joint activities across multiple fields

Washington, D.C. | April 12, 2010—The Republic of Kazakhstan announced today that it has concluded a major science and technology cooperation agreement with the United States, the first ever reached with a former Soviet state in Central Asia. At a signing ceremony Sunday, April 11 in the nation's capital, the two countries, which have been collaborating on scientific and other issues since 1991, committed to a comprehensive and formal partnership to increase cooperation in key areas.

"We're pleased to take this significant step with the United States to enhance our ongoing cooperation in science and technology by establishing this partnership," said Kazakhstan's Deputy Foreign Minister Kairat Umarov. "This marks yet another important milestone in our strong bilateral relationship, paving the way for our governments and institutions to undertake joint research, science, and technology development activities."

Kazakh Deputy Foreign Minister Kairat Umarov and Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Robert O. Blake, Jr. signed the U.S-Kazakhstan Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement today at the historic Willard Intercontinental Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Negotiations for a bilateral Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement have been ongoing since 2003. The accord concluded today—the 51st of its kind the United States has reached with participating countries—creates a structure that will allow Kazakh and U.S. government agencies, ministries, institutes, universities, and research centers to collaborate on science and technology efforts through a Memorandum of Understanding. The agreement exempts cooperative activities from taxation, customs duties, and fees.

The partnership is expected to open the way for Kazakh and U.S. entities to engage in joint activities in education, health, biotechnology, energy, seismic research, water resource management, information technology engineering, and the environment.

"It's an honor for Kazakhstan to participate with the United States in such a partnership, particularly with a country that is widely recognized and respected for its global leadership in science and technology. We're also proud that this partnership recognizes Kazakhstan's existing and emerging expertise in many key areas where it can contribute and make a difference," said Umarov.

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Kazakh, U.S. Companies Sign Technology, Training Deals

Agreements facilitate bilateral economic goals, Kazakhstan's industrial development and advanced U.S. technology acquisition objectives

Washington, D.C. | April 12, 2010—The Republic of Kazakhstan announced today that two Kazakh companies have successfully concluded deals with U.S.-based General Electric (GE) and Pilot Training College to acquire critical U.S. expertise, technology, and training. These business agreements support the bilateral economic objectives outlined by Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev and President Barack Obama, as well as Kazakhstan's goals for accelerated industrial development through the acquisition of advanced U.S. technology and knowledge.

Kazakhstan's National Railway Company signed an agreement with General Electric Transportation for the Commonwealth of Independent States Shunter Locomotive Program. Air Astana reached an agreement with Pilot Training College in Florida to train an additional 24 pilots by the end of 2010.

"These agreements reflect Kazakhstan's ongoing commitment to the bilateral economic development objectives that President Nazarbayev and President Obama established and support," said His Excellency Erlan Idrissov, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United States.

Idrissov emphasized that the deals will support and create new American jobs and provide opportunities for Kazakh and U.S. companies to work together. Kazakhstan will benefit from access to advanced U.S. technology and training needed to assist and accelerate its industrial development and economic growth. Implementation of the technology agreements is expected to have a positive economic effect on the vast Commonwealth of Independent States market with nearly 280 million consumers.

"These agreements will deepen existing economic ties between Kazakhstan and the United States, while opening the door wide to future business opportunities and increased economic and trade cooperation between our countries," said Idrissov.

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