

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 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 Checkmate Government Relations LLC	2. Registration Number 7534
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3. Primary Address of Registrant  
 121-A Reynolda Village Way, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

4. Name of Foreign Principal Republic of Uzbekistan	5. Address of Foreign Principal 9, Uzbekistan Street Tashkent UZBEKISTAN 100029
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6. Country/Region Represented  
 UZBEKISTAN

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  
 Republic of Uzbekistan
- b) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages  
 Furkat Sidikov - Ambassador

<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
05/11/2026	Charles F. McDowell	<input data-bbox="886 401 954 443" type="text" value="Sign"/> /s/Charles F. McDowell
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="886 491 954 533" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="886 575 954 617" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="886 659 954 701" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____

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Date

Printed Name

Signature

5/7/2026

Charles F. McDowell




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

Checkmate Government Relations LLC

2. Registration Number

7534

3. Name of Foreign Principal

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, and the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.
7. What is the date of the contract or agreement with the foreign principal? 02/01/2026
8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.
- Government relations services

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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.

The Registrant will work with the Foreign Principal and will provide government relations services by engaging and facilitating communications with U.S. officials and decision makers, non-government organizations, and other individuals within the U.S.

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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.

The nature and method of performance of the contract will include strategic counsel and outreach with regard to government relations activity within the United States. This may include relevant outreach to government officials, non government organizations and other individuals within the U.S. Additionally, it may include dissemination of informational materials.

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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.

Strategic counsel and outreach with regard to government relations activity within the United States, including outreach to U.S. 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 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
02/09/2026	Republic of Uzbekistan	Retainer	\$ 50,000.00
04/02/2026	Republic of Uzbekistan	Retainer	\$ 50,000.00

\$ 100,000.00

Total

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**

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
05/11/2026	Charles F. McDowell	<input data-bbox="889 457 958 485" type="text" value="Sign"/> /s/Charles F. McDowell
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="889 541 958 583" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="889 630 958 667" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="889 709 958 751" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____

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Date

Printed Name

Signature

5/7/2026

Charles F. McDowell



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## 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
02/18/2026	Office of the President, Donald Trump	Email	Meeting Request: President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Republic of Uzbekistan
02/18/2026	Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick	Email	Meeting Request: President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Republic of Uzbekistan
02/18/2026	USTR Jamison Greer	Discussion	To discuss the U.S.-Uzbekistan relationship, board of peace negotiations, and economic growth
02/18/2026	DFC CEO Ben Black	Discussion	To discuss the U.S.-Uzbekistan relationship, board of peace negotiations, and economic growth
02/18/2026	EX-IM President John Jovanovic	Discussion	To discuss the U.S.-Uzbekistan relationship, board of peace negotiations, and economic growth
02/18/2026	Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins	Email	Meeting Request: President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Republic of Uzbekistan
02/18/2026	Office of the Chief of Protocol	Phone call	Addressing protocol-based requests
02/19/2026	Office of the Chief of Protocol	Phone call	Addressing protocol-based requests
02/24/2026	Health and Human Services Department	Email	Meeting Request: Sidikov Furqat Axmedovich, Ambassador, Republic of Uzbekistan
03/11/2026	Office of the Chief of Protocol	Phone call	Addressing protocol-based requests
03/19/2026	Mike Passey, OVP/NSC, Director of South and Central Asia	Email	Meeting Request: Republic of Uzbekistan
03/19/2026	EOP/WHO: Meredith Thoren, Sarah Gesireich	Email	Meeting Request: Roundtable for FLOTUS
03/20/2026	EOP/WHO: Meredith Thoren, Sarah Gesireich	Email	Meeting Request: Roundtable for FLOTUS
03/24/2026	Office of the First Lady	Meeting	FLOTUS Roundtable
03/26/2026	Office of the Vice President, JD Vance	Email	Meeting Request: Ms. Saida Mirziyoyeva, Head of the Presidential Administration
04/01/2026	Office of the Chief of Protocol	Phone call	Addressing protocol-based requests
04/01/2026	Office of the Vice President, JD Vance	Email	Meeting Request: Ms. Saida Mirziyoyeva, Head of the Presidential Administration



**CHECKMATE**  
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

January 31, 2026

Ambassador Furkat Sidikov  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Republic of Uzbekistan

Dear Amb. Sidikov,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide Republic of Uzbekistan ("Client") with our firm's services. This letter constitutes the proposal of Checkmate Government Relations LLC ("CGR") to provide Client governmental relations services in the United States of America (the "Services"). Upon Client's execution hereof, this letter will constitute our agreement (this "Agreement").

As compensation for CGR providing the Services, Client shall pay to CGR a fee of Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) (the "Fee") per month, for the initial term commencing from February 1, 2026 through April 30, 2026, payable in advance on the first day of each month or upon receipt of invoice from CGR.

CGR will use its best efforts and reasonable skill in furtherance of this representation and provision of the Services to Client. Client acknowledges that CGR may be required to register on behalf of Client and to disclose certain information related to this Agreement pursuant to federal or state laws, such as the Foreign Agent Registration Act ("FARA") or Lobbying Disclosure Act ("LDA"). Client and CGR will comply with all applicable federal or state ethics regulations, federal or state registration and disclosure requirements, and federal or state election laws and regulations regarding activities undertaken during the term of this Agreement.

Except for where CGR is required by law to provide information or reasonably should be expected to use information in the performance of this Agreement, the parties agree to maintain all aspects of this representation in strict confidence and to take all reasonable measures to protect the confidentiality of Client and CGR's proprietary methods and information. All discussions between Client personnel and CGR staff will be kept confidential unless express permission is given by the other party or its representatives to disclose such information. This obligation of confidentiality shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

In addition to the Fee, Client will be responsible for any expenses incurred by CGR related to any registration and disclosure required of CGR and for reasonable expenses related to CGR's representation of Client, including transportation, incidental expenses, and meals. Any other reimbursable expenses over one hundred and 00/100 U.S. dollars (\$100.00) will be submitted for approval before being incurred. Such expenses will be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice and any required supporting documentation detailing such fees and expenses.

Client acknowledges that CGR has not made any promise or guarantee concerning the outcome or results of the Services or the total amount of fees and expenses which may be incurred by Client, as these cannot be determined until the Services have been completed.

The Services will be provided pursuant to this Agreement. This Agreement is entered into under the laws of the State of North Carolina and the United States of America, which shall govern its interpretation and enforcement, without regard to conflicts of law principles. Any questions about the terms of this Agreement should be directed to your attorney. Any questions about the status of CGR's work on behalf of Client should be directed to me or such person as I may designate to address your inquiry.

CGR employs professionals who maintain licenses as attorneys; however, this Agreement is *not* a contract for legal services. It is understood that, by virtue of this Agreement, no attorney-client relationship is formed between Client and any person employed by CGR, and no such person is being hired or held out as acting in an attorney capacity for the course of this representation. Additionally, client acknowledges that CGR is *not* a law firm and does not offer legal services and that no one at CGR has provided Client with legal advice regarding the terms of this Agreement or any services provided by CGR to Client.

This agreement will renew for an additional ninety (90) day term and is binding until terminated by either party for any reason upon sixty (60) days prior written notice. If any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed unenforceable, this Agreement shall be construed as if such provision were not a part of the Agreement and all other provisions shall remain enforceable. This Agreement may not be assigned without the prior written consent of the other party and any such assignment is binding on the parties hereto and their respective principals, successors, and assigns.

If the foregoing terms are acceptable, please sign below to indicate your approval of this Agreement on behalf of Client. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles F. McDowell IV', written in a cursive style.

Charles F. McDowell IV  
Managing Partner, Checkmate Government Relations

*(Signature and approval page attached below)*

APPROVED AND AGREED:

BY



Mr. Furkat Sidikov

NAME

The Embassy of Uzbekistan to the USA

COMPANY

Ambassador

TITLE

01/31/2026

DATE

Invoices should be sent to:

[info.washington@mfa.uz](mailto:info.washington@mfa.uz)