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Foreign Minister Sodyq Safaev
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Dear Minister Safaev,

This letter is written in support of the Companion Flag organization of Seattle, Washington, and to introduce it's Executive Director, Scott Wyatt, Esquire. Mr. Wyatt has been a member of Seattle's legal community for many years, and has been devoting the vast majority of his time to this program for several years now.

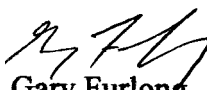
Companion Flag was introduced to Uzbekistan with the assistance of the Seattle Tashkent Sister City Association during my tenure as President. I think it is a good program, which focuses on diversity and the things which unite us as people. I also think it has some potential for helping countries identify areas of common concern.

I know the countries of Central Asia are working on a new highway from China to Europe and, I think, a rail link as well. If the countries signatory to the highway project were to adopt the Companion Flag program as a symbol of all that unites us, it could be one aspect of the larger issues that bind the Eurasian land mass and its peoples. The promotion of such an effort could not hurt Uzbekistan.

Mr. Wyatt has already worked with many educators in Uzbekistan, as can be seen on the organization's website, which is located at www.Companionflag.org. I encourage you or your staff to take a look at the many connections in different parts of Uzbekistan. The intended reach of this program is country wide and, indeed, worldwide.

With its headquarters in Seattle, Companion Flag is a nice addition to the Seattle Tashkent community of relationships. I am pleased to have the opportunity to support this program and I hope that it can be approved by the Foreign Ministry for full operations within Uzbekistan in the nearest future.

Sincerely,



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