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Ms. Alberta E. Ellison
Program Manager
Office of International Relations
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Dear Ms. Ellison:

I am writing to recommend Mr. Roman Bokeria for the GAO International Auditor Fellowship Program. Mr. Bokeria is a highly qualified candidate and would be a great asset to the Program. Mr. Bokeria possesses all of the requisite skills to successfully complete the Program and then return to Georgia and transfer his newly acquired skills to his colleagues at the Chamber of Control, the Supreme Audit Institution of Georgia.

In my capacity as one of the U.S. Department of the Treasury Resident Advisors here in Tbilisi, Georgia, I have worked with Mr. Bokeria for over six months and am very impressed by his professionalism and dedication to his work at the Chamber of Control. Mr. Bokeria is Head of the Department of Reforms and International Relations and is also a member of the Presidium of the Chamber of Control. The Presidium is a 12-member collegiate body appointed by the President, and is the highest body of the Chamber.

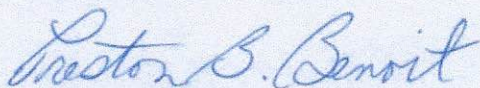
This past spring I had the privilege of co-facilitating a 10-week procedural training seminar with the American Bar Association for 12 handpicked members from the Chamber of Control; Mr. Bokeria was selected as one of the participants. Throughout the seminar I was very impressed by his probing questions and insightful discussion. He is a quick learner and possesses a keen intellect. He has superior analytical abilities and can apply the content of what he learns and reads to real-life situations.

Mr. Bokeria is dedicated to the governmental reforms undertaken in Georgia, especially at the Chamber of Control. He recognizes that these reforms will affect all of Georgia and he always strives to do what is best for his government and his country. He is a sincere young man with a bright future.

Mr. Bokeria also has an excellent command of English, in addition to his fluency in Georgian and Russian. Mr. Bokeria often acts as an interpreter for the Head of the Chamber of Control at official meetings and functions. Additionally, Mr. Bokeria is the principal liaison for the Chamber of Control with the international community here in Georgia. While executing these duties, Mr. Bokeria conducts himself in a tactful and diplomatic manner.

It is with great pleasure and confidence that I highly recommend Mr. Bokeria for the GAO International Auditor Fellowship Program. If you need additional information or would like to discuss this recommendation in person, please send me an e-mail message or call me at my office telephone numbers listed above.

Respectfully,



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