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Recommendation Letter for Ia Dadunashvili

This letter is in reference to the request of Ms. Ia Dadunashvili, who has approached and asked me to recommend her for participation in a Fulbright Graduate Fellowship Program for the academic year 2019-2020.

Ia is planning to pursue an MBA degree in labour/industrial relations, after completion of which, she is planning to return to Georgia and work on the public policy development in the area of labour and industrial relations. As a Deputy Minister of Labour, I fully support her goal, as Georgia is undergoing an incremental labour law reform and we need more professionals in this area.

I have first met Ia in 2012 when she has started her work at the World Vision Georgia as a Child and Youth Sector Specialist, by that time I have already left the organization, but we have had regular encounters at the relevant events.

Our second professional encounter was in 2014, when Ia was back to the International Labour Organization to work on the US DOL funded project on improved compliance with labour legislation in Georgia, and I have been appointed as a Director of the State Fund on Protection and Assistance to the Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings and Victims of Domestic Violence.

As I was aware that with the previous ILO project, Ia has been a member of the permanent identification group defining the status of the victims of trafficking, as well as on behalf of the ILO, an invited member to the State Interagency Council on Combating Trafficking in Human beings, I have invited Ia to be an independent observing member on our recruitment panel, when we were in the process of hiring the new staff.

After I have been appointed as a Deputy Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, our meetings with ILO, and Ia respectively, became more regular, as we have been closely working together on establishment of the Labour Inspection in Georgia, its vision, mission, enforcement policy statement and enforcement management framework. On behalf of the ILO, Ia has been involved in all related project activities both in a capacity of a national coordinator and the monitoring and evaluation officer.

I have observed Ia as being very competent, task-oriented, responsible and determined to achieving the common goals in the pertinent area. She possesses leadership skills and a strong character. I believe she would make a good candidate for the program and bring added value upon her return.

Sincerely,

Deputy Minister

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