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To whom it may concern

United Nations Children's Fund Country Office in Uzbekistan expresses its deepest respect to the Republican Center for Social Adaptation of Children (RCSAC) for the important contribution to the area of providing the social help to children.

Since 2005 UNICEF (Uzbekistan) has been closely and successfully collaborating with RCSAC, which was founded at the personal initiative by Mrs. Lola Karimova in 2004. Since its establishment RCSAC created effective scientific and practical basis on the protection of children with special needs, children without parental care, children at social and legal risk. RCSAC carries out its significant activities with the governmental bodies, public associations and non-state organizations demonstrating the ideas of effective cooperation and interaction on the practice.

Mrs. Lola Karimova has initiated and supported projects of de-institutionalization related to the searching of positive aspects of alternative forms of placement of children without parental care. Several projects have been realized in the sphere of promotion of social work in Uzbekistan with the personal support of Mrs. Lola Karimova. These important activities help to improve the social protection system of children both on the legal and practical levels.

Mrs. Lola Karimova's ideas about further development of social protection system of children found their realization in the creation of Public Council under RCSAC as structure for inter-organizational coordination in this sphere. The deep understanding of real needs of families and children in complex practical aid was reflected in the creation of Informational Consulting Service which offers them legal, psychological, pedagogical and educational services.

UNICEF (Uzbekistan) acknowledges the efforts and initiatives of Mrs. Lola Karimova in the sphere of social protection of vulnerable children and families. ~~UNICEF (Uzbekistan) plans its further cooperation with RCSAC and look forward to~~ strengthen it in the area of children social protection.

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