

UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON
INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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Re: Internship for Serik Aidossov

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to confirm the summer internship of Serik Aidossov.

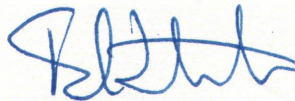
I am Deputy Director for Policy of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom. At the Commission, I supervise a staff of Policy Analysts with expertise in human rights, religious freedom and foreign affairs. Serik interned in the Policy Department from 15 May to 14 June 2004.

As a policy intern he worked with one of our analysts, Catherine Cosman, who is a specialist on the countries of the former Soviet Union, East and Central Europe and Western Europe. We proposed that he could research issues related to religious rights in Central Asia, Islam in the countries of the former USSR, or youth attitudes towards religion in Central Asia. He ultimately presented his views and findings, which he obtained from various meetings, to the Commission staff, which was enlightening about Kazakhstan and his own activities on religious freedom.

Serik displayed a lively curiosity about issues of relevance to the Commission. He was very active in exploring his own areas of inquiry and building on his considerable knowledge on religious freedom, especially in the OSCE context.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss his performance further.
Thank you.

Sincerely,



Tad Stahnke
Deputy Director for Policy