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Secretariat of the Bologna Process

I would like to present my compliments to you and express my appreciation of fruitful cooperation between our countries, especially in the sphere of education, science and innovations.

Over the past few years the reforms of the system of higher education of the Republic of Kazakhstan were conducted in line with basic principles of the Bologna Declaration:

- 1) adoption of a system of easily readable and comparable academic degrees through the implementation of the Diploma Supplement, i.e. Kazakhstan has introduced the internationally-recognized three-cycle model of specialist training: Bachelor-Master-PhD degrees;
- 2) establishment of a system of credits at the tertiary institutions of the Republic of Kazakhstan as a proper means of worldwide recognition of the national academic programs, promotion of students and teachers mobility and improvement of quality of education;
- 3) establishment of a national model of accreditation with regards to the international standards and criteria of the higher education quality and to institutional and specialized accreditation.

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan in cooperation with the Council of Europe and the Magna Charta Observatory held the International Forum on Kazakhstan's entry into the Bologna Process in Almaty on 5-6 February 2009. The participants of the seminar praised high level of Kazakhstan's preparedness and its ambition to join the Bologna Process.

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan was officially invited to attend the Educational Ministers' Forum of the Bologna Process member countries in Leuven, Belgium in April 2009. The goal of our visit was discussion of the opportunity of Kazakhstan's signing the Bologna Declaration.

The delegation of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan is officially invited to attend the Forum of the Bologna Process Education Ministers in Vienna, Austria on 11-12 March 2010.

We are perfectly aware that one of the prerequisites of signing the Bologna Declaration is to join the European Cultural Convention.

On 13 January 2010 the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe favorably responded to Kazakhstan's application on joining the European Cultural Convention. We hope that it will be unanimously supported by the Committee and Kazakhstan will be able to sign the European Cultural Convention after 24 February 2010.

We are prepared and willing to continue the reform process in the Republic of Kazakhstan in order to ensure the implementation of all the Bologna action lines. We commit ourselves to adhere to the underlying principles of the Bologna Process, in particular institutional autonomy, student participation and public responsibility.

We ask for your kind support and consideration of Kazakhstan's entry into the Bologna Process while we are waiting to become one of the signatories of the European Cultural Convention.

I hope to meet you at the Education Ministers' Forum of the Bologna Process member countries on 11-12 March 2010 as I have been officially invited to attend this high-profile event.

Please find enclosed Kazakhstan's application to join the Bologna Process.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zhanseit Tuimebayev', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Zhanseit Tuimebayev
Minister of Education and Science of
the Republic of Kazakhstan