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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am very much pleased of writing this reference letter in favor of Antonia Srankova, with the aim of strongly supporting her candidacy for the position she is applying for.

I had the opportunity to get in touch for the first time with Antonia in a meeting occurred in the regional government facilities in 2008. It was an official event in which, as a Vice-president of the regional government, we hosted a highly qualified delegation of the Slovak national government including Mrs Srankova, counsel of her country in Padua at that time. Since then, I formed the opinion of dealing with an extraordinary professional. As compared with several people operating in diplomacy at the same career level, I would rank her within the top 1%. She was only 28 years old (I should say, young), but she already denoted great interest for the subject, uncommon skills and a rare motivation.

I had some contacts with her also after that event, including a visit to Bratislava where I led a small regional group to share best practices and strengthen relations between areas and communities. In addition to her educational background (made also of a deep knowledge of many languages), Antonia succeeds in the hard combination of mental flexibility and undisputable mastery of any topic she is engaged.

I have no doubt that Mrs Srankova will be successful in pursuing her goals and that you will be soon aware of her relevant potential. Without hesitation, I consider Antonia one of the best personalities I dealt with in my by now long experience in politics and academy. Giving her the opportunity to enter your organization will not only be an excellent investment for her career, but for the profession too.

That's definitely why I am writing this letter and I warmly recommend her to you. Please feel free to contact me if you have any question.

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