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Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

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Ms. Michelle Kinman
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Dear Ms. Kinman:

Thank you very much for your letter of concern about Andrei Zatoka. I can assure you that the Embassy is actively following the situation surrounding Mr. Zatoka's conviction. Embassy officials have met with several involved parties and have raised the topic with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan. In recent days, we have expressed our concern about this case and have urged the Turkmen authorities to provide Mr. Zatoka access to fair legal proceedings, consistent with Turkmen law. We will continue to make the same request during the appeals process.

Thank you again for your concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sylvia Reed Curran".

Sylvia Reed Curran
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.