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Urban Gibson
Chair of the Nomination Committee
International Peace Bureau,

Subject: **Nomination of Mr. Raza Shah Khan for Regional Member of the Council**

Dear Urban Gibson,

On behalf of the Board of Governors of Sustainable Peace and Development Organization (SPADO) it is our pleasure to nominate Mr. Raza Shah Khan for the election of **Regional Member of the Council**

Mr. Raza Shah Khan is the Executive Director of Sustainable Peace & Development Organization (SPADO), an organization based in Peshawar, Pakistan struggling to provide a peaceful environment to all human beings where they can utilize their potentials for sustainable development. In the capacity of Executive Director of SPADO he has participated in various national and international events related to landmines, cluster bombs, Small Arms and Peace and Security. SPADO is a member organization of International Peace Bureau (IPB), International Campaign To Ban Landmines (ICBL), International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) and Cluster Munitions Coalition (CMC). Mr. Raza is a peace and development worker and has played an important role in establishing the organization and addressing the issue of small arms, landmines and peace and security in Pakistan and the region. He is also the country researcher for Landmine Monitor Report, which is an initiative of International Campaign To Ban Landmines (ICBL). The report contains information on production, stockpiling, policy, trade, use, mine action, mine awareness and victim's assistance. At the same time Mr. Raza has carried out research work for Small Arms Survey (SAS) and has conducted the research on Crimes Related to Small Arms and the Prevalence and Impacts of Small Arms and Light Weapons in NWFP and Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), adjoining Afghanistan. Apart from these Mr. Raza has remained the researcher for Global Impact Survey on Explosive Remnants of War and Mines other than Antipersonnel Mines (MOTAPM)

Mr. Raza Shah Khan was also invited to deliver a presentation on the "**Root Causes of Militancy, Religious Extremism and Militancy**" at Forum Barcelona 2004 within the Framework of Universal Forum of Cultures. Due to the constant efforts of Mr. Raza Shah Khan, SPADO is now in the process of establishing a Peace Resource Center in Pakistan, which will serve an academic, research and advocacy forum to carryout activities related to peace and development particularly in context of Peace in Islam. "**Youth for Peace**" is another initiative of Mr. Raza, which has thousands of youth members actively working and contributing in SPADO awareness and lobbying activities related to peace. The network is growing day by day and more and more youth are joining the network.

Mr Raza born in 1970 in the rural area near to FATA adjoining Afghanistan has a good knowledge of local cultures, traditions and approaches. Under the leadership of Mr. Raza SPADO has got the memberships of more than 60 NGOs and Community Based Organizations (CBOs), which are providing their services to SPADO voluntarily whenever required.

Mr. Raza is a devoted, innovative and committed peace worker and SPADO hope that he will contribute well to the cause of IPB in future as a regional member of the council.

Thank you for considering our request for the nomination.

Yours sincerely



Raza Shah Khan
Executive Director, SPADO
Secretary General BOG on behalf of SPADO