



May 20, 2004

Mr. Steven Falken
Executive Director for GSP
Chairman, GSP Subcommittee
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
1724 F Street NW, Room F-220
Washington, DC 20508

Re: Kazakhstan GSP Petition for Review
Case: 015-CP-02

To the GSP Subcommittee:

As the U.S. government nears its decisions regarding the 2003 GSP country eligibility review, IIPA takes this opportunity to reiterate our position regarding Kazakhstan.

On February 18, 2004, IIPA provided this Subcommittee with an update and supplement to the public GSP file regarding IIPA's GSP petition and the U.S. government's review of Kazakhstan's intellectual property rights practices under the GSP trade program. In that filing, we provided a copy of IIPA's 2004 Special 301 report on Kazakhstan, which is also available online at the IIPA website, www.iipa.com.

Importantly, in both our 2004 Special 301 country report and our February letter, we specifically requested that this Subcommittee recommend the immediate suspension of Kazakhstan's GSP benefits for the reasons stated in the filing and at the U.S. government's GSP hearing last October.

Today, we continue to support our earlier recommendation, given that there have been no significant changes or improvements in the issues already raised in this ongoing review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric J. Schwartz".

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