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**Subject: Letter of Recommendation for International Center for Protection and Promotion of Women's Rights "La Strada" in the context of application for administration of Pro Bono Phone Assistance for Victims of Domestic Violence (unique number 0 8008 8008).**

**To whom it may concern:**

The Embassy of the United States in the Republic of Moldova provides foreign assistance in the rule of law, law enforcement, and criminal justice sectors to promote international best practices and Moldova's European Integration.

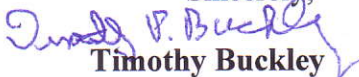
Over the past seven years the Embassy has worked closely with "La Strada" in the field of combating trafficking in persons and prevention of sexual exploitation of women and children. We have provided several grants to the organization in support of these efforts. The Embassy has relied on "La Strada" and its knowledge and experience as the leading expert in the abovementioned fields.

Currently, La Strada is implementing a project "*Ensuring access of sexual assault victims to adequate legal and social protection*" with the support of U.S. Embassy. La Strada is also the first ever NGO to have an incorporating office space within a Community Police Center opened at Buiucani with the support of U.S. Embassy, and which work on-site on domestic violence issues. This reflects increased collaboration between police and civil society in assisting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. La Strada is available to ensure that victims have access to appropriate services, including making safety plans and obtaining access to further resources.

"La Strada" is highly regarded for its organizational structure, financially transparent operations, deep institutional roots, and exceptional knowledge and experience throughout Moldova.

U.S. Embassy confirms that "La Strada" is a valued partner for social projects conducted in the areas of trafficking in persons, children's rights, and prevention of gender based violence.

Sincerely,



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