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INTERNATIONAL POLICY FELLOWSHIPS

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MENTOR CRITIQUE FORM

Your thoughtful and honest appraisal will be most helpful. We appreciate your input and will try to implement as many of your ideas as possible. Continue comments on the back if necessary.

The IPF program pairs each Fellow with one or two mentors who are Soros foundations network-affiliated (usually Open Society Institute and Central European University), as well as one 'external' mentor who is an expert in the field working outside the Soros foundations network. Mentors should: 1) Work with Fellows to devise a brief policy paper in their field(s) of expertise based on a lengthy research paper written over the course of the fellowship year, 2) Maintain contact with Fellows by telephone, fax or e-mail to discuss the development of projects, 3) If feasible, meet with Fellows at least once during the fellowship year to discuss the project, 4) Facilitate Fellows' contact with other relevant experts and participation in appropriate meetings (IPF has discretionary funds to support Fellow attendance at relevant events), 5) Complete brief mid-term and final critique forms supplied by IPF to provide the program with feedback regarding the Fellow's progress.

Your name, position _Carol Harrington, Assistant Professor_____

Name of Fellow you have assisted __Ibrahim Ismayiov_____

1. What, in your opinion, have you and your Fellow/program/project gained from your cooperation thus far?

___I think I am most useful in providing advice about how to structure the information, in listening and brainstorming and in asking questions that show where something he takes for granted has not been clearly explained in his papers. Also in methodological discussions, it has been interesting for me in thinking about methodological constraints in different research contexts. _____

2. Do certain areas of this Fellow's work need improvement? Which areas?

I would like to see more in writing more frequently.

3. In your opinion, does your Fellow's project make a significant contribution to the field?

YES -

4. Would the project be important to other countries in the CEE/fSU region?

YES - As a valuable resource for others doing comparative research.

5. Could the proposed policy research make an impact on the policy environment in specific countries or regions? (Policy makers, experts and policy research community)

YES - Both in Azerbaijan and more broadly as part of gathering knowledge about youth and informal education in the region.

6. Is the timetable for the project realistic?

YES -

7. Could the project benefit a large number of people?

YES -

8. Does the Fellow show evidence that he/she can think strategically about the relevant project and/or field?

YES -

9. If the Fellow were to re-apply for continued OSI funding for follow-up work associated with the project, would you support continued funding?

YES -

10. Are there other appropriate funders that may support the project?

Possibly, YES -

Recommendations for other potential senior contacts for this Fellow:

Additional Comments (Please comment on your Fellow's work and all aspects of the IPF program using the back of this sheet):

Mr Ismayilev is actively involved in youth advocacy in Azerbaijan and I strongly believe that his research could have a positive impact on actual policies that will benefit young people's lives. Thus his continued research could be of great importance in allowing him to gather knowledge that will help him to develop further appropriate policy recommendations for Azerbaijan. His participation in a working group of the European Youth Forum will allow him to share his knowledge with others in the field as well as to learn about the situation in other countries. Mr. Ismayilev has continued to deepen his knowledge, experience and skills over the past year and I believe that IPF support has been crucial to this, and that the investment has been worthwhile.