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EXAMPLES	TRAVELER (Name/Title)	EVENT DESCRIPTION/SPONSOR/DATES	LOCATION AND TRAVEL DATES	BENEFITS ACCEPTED				
				SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	CHECK	IN-KIND	AMOUNT
EXAMPLES	John Smith Secretary	Conference on Asia-Pacific Relations sponsored by Asia-Pacific Forum.	San Francisco, CA 8/11 - 13/93	Asia-Pacific Forum Pacific Rim Assoc.	Hotel	X	X	\$280
					Air Transportation		X	825
	Joyce Smith Spouse of Secretary	Conference on Asia-Pacific Relations sponsored by Asia-Pacific Forum.	San Francisco, CA 8/11 - 13/93	Asia-Pacific Forum Pacific Rim Assoc.	Meals		X	120
					Air Transportation	X	X	\$825
					Meals		X	120
NAME		DESCRIPTION	LOCATION				X	\$1220.00
		10th Annual US-Islamic World Forum	Doha, Qatar		Hotel			
Adnan Kifayat				US-Islamic World Forum	Air Transportation	X		\$1932.00
TITLE	SPONSOR	DATES			Taxi		X	\$100.00
	Brooklyn Institution	June 7-11 2013						\$
Deputy Special Representative	DATES: 06/03/13							
NAME		DESCRIPTION	LOCATION				X	\$1220.00
		10th Annual US-Islamic World Forum	Doha, Qatar		Hotel			
Shahed Amanullah				US-Islamic World Forum	Air Transportation			\$1932.00
TITLE	SPONSOR	DATES			Taxi			\$100.00
	Brooklyn Institution	June 7-11 2013						\$
Senior Advisor, Technology	DATES: 06/03/13							
NAME		DESCRIPTION	LOCATION				X	\$500.00
		Countering the Appeal of Extremism Online	Copenhagen, Denmark	Danish Government The Institute for Strategic Dialogue	Hotel			
Shahed Amanullah					Air Transportation	X		\$1500.00
TITLE	SPONSOR	DATES			Meals		X	\$200.00
	Danish Ministry of Social Affairs and Intergration	June 16-20 2013			taxis		X	\$80.00
Senior Advisor, Technology	DATES: 05/01/13							
NAME		DESCRIPTION	LOCATION				X	\$618.00
		Compassion in Governing	Louisville, Kentucky	Festival of Faith Center for Interfaith Relations	Hotel			
Farah Pandith					Air Transportation	X		\$750.00
TITLE	SPONSOR	DATES						\$
	Festival of Faith	May 17-18 2013						\$
Special Representative	DATES: 05/17-18/2013							



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June 3, 2013

TO: ECA-IIP/EX-Carmen Cantor *CC*
THROUGH: ECA-IIP/EX/S-Rekio Benton
FROM: S/SRMC-Farah Pandith *FP*
SUBJECT: Invitational Travel

Recommendation:

That you allow Adnan Kifayat to accept a gift of paid travel expenses to Doha, Qatar as a participant at the 10th annual US-Islamic World Forum, to be held June 7-11, 2013. The offer meets the requirements of 2 FAM 962.

Approve

Disapprove

Background: The US-Islamic World Forum was created by the Brookings Institution to bring together leaders in government, business, media, academia, and civil society from across Muslim communities globally and the United States. Representatives from the State Department have participated in several past Forums, including two speeches delivered by Secretary Clinton. Special Representative Pandith has addressed the Forum and others in S/SRMC have previously participated in the Forum's activities.

How does the proffered travel relate to the employee's duties?

The Office of the Special Representative to Muslim Communities (SRMC) has a mandate to engage with civil society in Muslim communities around the world. The Forum is a key annual event to discuss issues of democracy, human rights,

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May 28, 2013

TO: ECA-IIP/EX-Paula Goode
THROUGH: ECA-IIP/EX/S-Rekio Benton
FROM: S/SRMC-Adnan Kifayat
SUBJECT: Invitational Travel

Recommendation:

That you allow Shahed Amanullah to accept a gift of paid travel expenses to Doha, Qatar as a guest speaker and partner in brainstorming at the 10th annual US-Islamic World Forum, to be held June 07-10, 2013. The offer meets the requirements of 2 FAM 962.

Approve _____ Disapprove

Background: The US-Islamic World Forum is a project created by the Brookings Institution and is designed to bring together leaders in the realms of politics, business, media, academia, and civil society from across the Islamic world (including Muslim communities in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East) and the United States. Representatives from the State Department have participated in several past Forums, including two speeches delivered by Secretary Clinton.

How does the proffered travel relate to the employee's duties?

The Office of the Special Representative to Muslim Communities (SRMC) has a mandate to engage with civil society in Muslim communities around the world. The Forum is a key annual event in which issues related to emerging democracies,

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human rights, confronting extremism, and freedom of information are discussed. Cultivating support for SRMC programming from members of the Forum is a priority for the Office. Coordination with this key group of civic and political leaders is an imperative in our work.

Does the proposed travel represent a priority use of the employee's time? Yes

Is the employee traveling for the minimum time necessary to carry out USG business? Yes - travel will be directly to and from the Forum.

Does the donor have any business pending before the Department? No

Would acceptance of the travel create real or apparent conflict of interest?

No. S/SRMC does not have any pending business with the US-Islamic World Forum or the Brookings Institution.

Does your office have funding to pay for this trip? No.

If your office had sufficient funding to pay for this trip, would you do so? Yes.

Though we would have preferred to schedule it in coordination with our other activities in the region, the timeframes are not compatible.

Value of Travel:

Roundtrip ticket to Doha: \$1,700

Hotel: \$1,220 for 4-night stay (inclusive of taxes & service charges)

Meals: \$475

Taxis: \$80

Total: \$3,475

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May 1, 2013

TO: ECA-IIP/EX-Paula Goode
THROUGH: ECA-IIP/EX/S-Rekio Benton
FROM: S/SRMC-Adnan Kifayat *AK*
SUBJECT: Invitational Travel

Recommendation:

That you allow Shahed Amanullah to accept a gift of paid travel expenses to Copenhagen, Denmark as a guest speaker at a conference entitled "Countering the Appeal of Extremism Online," organized by the Danish Ministry of Social Affairs and Integration and the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, to be held on June 17, 2013. The offer meets the requirements of 2 FAM 962.

_____ Approve

_____ Disapprove

Background: The conference will address the challenges regarding extremist groups' and individual's online behavior as well as different strategies and efforts to counter the appeal of extremist messages online. There will be a broad range of plenary and keynote presentations and more informal workshop discussions. Participants will be international governmental officials, practitioners, researchers, representatives of the private sector and NGOs.

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How does the proffered travel relate to the employee's duties?

The Office of the Special Representative to Muslim Communities (SRMC) has a mandate to promote USG views on issues of counter-radicalization within Muslim communities around the world, and has several programs designed specifically to curtail the appeal of online extremist narratives. Shahed in particular has been the point person in our office in dealing with this issue. This conference is a key event in which issues related to online extremism are discussed and engagement programs are developed. Cultivating support for SRMC programming from conference attendees is a priority for the Office. Coordination with like-minded practitioners in CVE (countering violent extremism) work is an imperative in our work.

Does the proposed travel represent a priority use of the employee's time? Yes

Is the employee traveling for the minimum time necessary to carry out USG business? Yes – travel will be directly to and from the conference.

Does the donor have any business pending before the Department? No

Would acceptance of the travel create real or apparent conflict of interest? No. S/SRMC does not have any pending business with the Danish government or the Institute for Strategic Dialogue.

Does your office have funding to pay for this trip? No.

If your office had sufficient funding to pay for this trip, would you do so? Yes. Though we would have preferred to schedule it in coordination with our other activities in the region, the timeframes are not compatible.

Value of Travel:

Roundtrip ticket to Copenhagen: \$1,500.00

Hotel: \$500 for 2-night stay (inclusive of taxes & service charges)

Meals: \$200

Taxis: \$80

Total: \$2,280

Drafted by: S/SRMC Shahed Amanullah

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How does the proffered travel relate to the employee's duties?

This event is of international importance and there will be leaders of faith based communities from all over the world participating. Because of this, we feel Special Representative participation is very important. The subject of religious extremism and faith based communities are key issues that the Special Representative has been asked to engage on with international counterparts.

Does the proposed travel represent a priority use of the employee's time? Yes

Is the employee traveling for the minimum time necessary to carry out USG business? Yes.

Does the donor have any business pending before the Department? No

Would acceptance of the travel create real or apparent conflict of interest?

[Would a reasonable person believe that the traveling official or the Department would lose objectivity as a result of accepting the travel donation?] No.

Does your office have funding to pay for this trip? No.

If your office had sufficient funding to pay for this trip, would you do so? Yes.

Value of Travel:

Roundtrip ticket to Louisville Kentucky: \$750.00

Hotel: \$ 618.00

Taxis: N/A

Total: \$1,368.00

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