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Mr. Takehiko Nakao
President and Chairperson of the Board of Directors
Asian Development Bank
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Dear President Nakao:

On behalf of the Cotton Campaign, I write to follow up on our previous communications and request a meeting with you to discuss our ongoing concerns about the Asian Development Bank's projects in Uzbekistan.

As indicated in the letters directed to your office on September 3 and 11, 2013 and January 27, 2014, attached for reference, we have serious concerns about the risk of ADB loans to the government of Uzbekistan which inadvertently support its forced-labor system of cotton production. In particular, we are concerned about the irrigation project which the bank is financing in one of Uzbekistan's highest cotton producing provinces, the Amu Bukhara Irrigation System Rehabilitation project.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how the ADB is mitigating this risk in its projects in Uzbekistan. We note that, according to your website, the ADB has committed to closely monitoring the Uzbek government's compliance with core labor standards and are keen to hear how this is being achieved. Should you plan to attend the World Bank/IMF annual meetings, we would be pleased to meet with you or your staff in Washington, DC during your visit; alternatively, we are open to meeting via teleconference.

The Cotton Campaign is a global coalition of trade unions, human rights NGOs, socially responsible investors, and business associations coalesced to end forced labor in Uzbekistan's cotton sector. We appreciate your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Fischer-Daly".

Matthew Fischer-Daly
Cotton Campaign Coordinator

CC: Mr. Wencai Zhang, Vice President, Operations 1
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