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To the Admissions Committee:

This letter is to provide my very strong and positive recommendation for Ms. Darya Anakhina, who is applying for admission to your graduate program.

I had the opportunity to meet and work with Ms. Annakhina during my recent visit to St Petersburg, Russia for the 8th International Wheat Conference which took place June 1 – 4, 2010. At that gathering of more than 700 scientists and agricultural experts from around the world, I was invited to give the first Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Memorial Lecture. Dr. Borlaug, who founded the World Food Prize, was considered the Father of the Green Revolution. He was also the 1970 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize and was awarded the US Presidential Medal of Freedom for his breakthrough achievements in producing a “miracle” wheat.

During my time at this conference, Ms. Anakhina assisted me in several significant ways. First, she took the lead in arranging with international conference staff to set up a press conference for me and several other international delegates. This required a great deal of interaction with international attendees who did not speak Russian. In carrying out this function, Ms. Anakhina demonstrated considerable organizational skills as well as a well-developed grasp of conversational English.

In addition, she worked directly with me in translating my press release and remarks from English into Russian. This required a good understanding of written English as well as the ability to formulate complex sentences in English. Beyond that language capability, she also demonstrated an ability to discuss involved substantive issues relating not only to agricultural science but also international political issues.

Taken together, all of these experiences left me with a very positive impression of Ms. Anakhina’s intellectual capabilities and organizational skills. As a result, I believe she would be a strong candidate for admission to your program.

Sincerely,

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