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Dear Keya,

I would like to thank you for coming to visit the Embassy of Turkmenistan in Washington, D.C., on January 29th, 2015. It was an honor to meet the daughter of such a well-known and well-respected Turkmen artist as Durdy Bayramov. We will cherish the generous gift from you -- the catalogue of the beautiful works by your late father.

I personally had the privilege of meeting Academician Bayramov, who struck me as a humble and kind man. I did not expect such endearing humility from a man who was a national celebrity and achieved some of the highest and most prestigious accolades for an artist in Turkmenistan, including the honorary title of People's Artist of Turkmenistan (1991) and the "For the Love of the Motherland" medal from the President of Turkmenistan (2008). We are grateful to have

your father's works in all of the main museums in the capital city of Ashgabat and in museums in virtually every city of Turkmenistan. His paintings will be enjoyed by generations of Turkmen to come.

Your father, Durdy Bayramov, made a significant impact on the art education and culture of Turkmenistan. He represented our country well at numerous international events, and his paintings were always held in high regard not only in our home country, but also abroad. Some of the best known museums in Europe, including Old Masters Picture Gallery in Dresden, Germany and The State Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow, Russia, acquired his paintings because of his extraordinary talent.

I will do whatever I can to help you promote your father's work in North America as I truly believe that Durdy Bayramov should become a household name worldwide. I highly recommend that Durdy Bayramov's paintings and photographs be shown in any museum and/or gallery around the world.

Let me know if I can be of assistance at any time.

Sincerely,

Ambassador
Meret Orazov

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meret Orazov', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.