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Dear Marika,

Afghanistan National TV & Radio as many other Afghan institutions need a very urgent attention. Decades of war and disaster in the country left their negative impact on these two institutions. While, we are doing our best in rebuilding these two very important entities, we need national and international assistance for carrying out this task. I Najib Roshan, have been directing Afghanistan National TV & Radio for three months. The rehabilitation of Afghan music and re-establishing of various music ensembles are among my priorities. Recently, I have gathered some amateur and professional musicians to re-establish one of music ensembles of Afghanistan's National TV and Radio. However, due to the lack of academic and professional skill of musicians, we can not come up with a concrete plan for rebuilding of music tradition at Afghanistan National TV and Radio.

I met Dr. Ahmad Nesar Sarmast at my office on Tuesday 6th of December. During the meeting Dr. Sarmast presented his comprehensive proposal project, supported by Monash Asia Institute, the School of Music-Conservatorium and Monash Science Center. A few points of this very important proposal can meet our needs in the field of music and revival of music at Afghanistan National TV and Radio. We know that Monash Asia Institute and the School of Music-Conservatorium are maintaining a strong interest in studying and promoting music in Asian countries. Thus, for rebuilding of music in Afghanistan we are pleased to offer a partnership with Monash university particularly with Monash Asia Institute, the School of Music - Conservatorium and Monash Science Centre. We urgently need an expert musician with a good knowledge of Afghan music traditions and Western music knowledge.

We will be privileged and honored to work with Monash Asia Institute, the School of Music-Conservatorium and Monash Science to rebuild our music traditions after years of neglect and destruction. I am pleased to acknowledge working with Dr. Sarmast on carrying out his proposal project, particularly on those aspects of his project that are essential to rebuild music ensembles, orchestra traditions and music forms.

I am writing to ask you to facilitate the return of Dr. Sarmast to Afghanistan and we are looking forward to have Dr. Ahmad Nesar Sarmast as our consultant and advisor in fulfilling our common goal. We hope to have your support and partnership in reviving Afghan music traditions. If you have some requests or opinions to be exchanged, I am ready to discuss them with you.

Yours truly



Najib Roshan
General Director
Afghanistan National TV & Radio