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To Academician Asylbek Aidaraliev  
President of the International University of Kyrgyzstan

Dear President Aidaraliev,

I understand that the Rectors of the Universities of the Kyrgyz Republic will be meeting in Bishkek on 19 January 2008.

I send my greetings and best wishes for a productive meeting.

I would be most grateful if you would convey my greetings to the assembled Rectors. Looking back on our collaboration over the past years, I am ever more impressed by the positive, proactive and effective way in which the Kyrgyz Universities have participated in and contributed to the creation of a new and broader Higher Education Space, working with intelligence along the lines of the Bologna Process and using Tuning methodology.

The strong support of the Government and the Ministers of Education and their staff has been impressive, providing a framework for the initiatives to be taken. But equally important have been the actions of the Rectors in ensuring that the innovation process can be applied in a concrete way, improving the learning experience of students.

New student-centred curricula have been developed and implemented. Cycles and work-load based credits have become part of the Kyrgyz higher education system. Mechanisms for quality enhancement are being developed. The National, Branch and Dissemination Centres of Information on the Bologna Process set up by the Bologna.kg Consortium are active and are being sustained by Kyrgyz Rectors. The new study programmes are geared to prepare Kyrgyz young people not only for productive employment but also for citizenship and cultural development.

Last August I was able to see with my own eyes the impressive work that is going on not only in Bishkek, but also in many other parts of the Republic.

The results form an excellent premise for future and even more ambitious developments. The Kyrgyz Ministry, the Universities and their Rectors have contributed to the development of the new Higher Education Space in other countries too. If, as I am told, plans are being laid to develop the Bologna Process jointly in Central Asia, I am sure that the role of the Kyrgyz Republic will be a central one.

I look forward to being able to collaborate in the future in this great process.

Again, I send my best wishes to all.

Sincerely

[Signed]  
Prof. Ann Katherine Isaacs  
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