

**Mr. Luis Campos Ferreira  
Chairman, Committee on Economy  
and Public Works, Assembly of the  
Republic of Portugal**

**Dear Mr. Luis Campos Ferreira,**

As you well know the dynamic growth of small business and entrepreneurship is essential for successful economic and social development of each country and is a recognized source for economic growth, jobs and population incomes.

In this regard, the active promotion of small business and private entrepreneurship has become one of the main priorities of social and economic policy of the Republic of Uzbekistan since the early days of the independent development of our state. At the end of more than 20 years of successful implementation of reforms aimed at creating favorable conditions for development of small and private entrepreneurship, further developing and expanding of the role of the private sector in the economy continue to be the most important direction of ongoing reforms in Uzbekistan.

In this context special urgency obtains the assessment of accumulated experience in small business and entrepreneurship, as well as the development of additional measures to promote sustainable and diversified growth of this sector at the current phase of the economy development.

In order to hold wide-range discussion and exchange of views on these issues the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan organizes an International Conference «The Role and Importance of Small Business and Private Entrepreneurship in Implementation of Social and Economical Policy in the Republic of Uzbekistan» in Tashkent, on September 12-14, 2012.

In this regard, we kindly invite you to participate in this conference and are confident that your experience, knowledge, and international authority will enrich the upcoming discussions in Tashkent. The Organizing Committee is ready to cover Your expenses for attending the event, including transportation and accommodation.

In case of Your consent, please, send a confirmation to the Organizing Committee of the Conference by August 15, 2012. If you are interested to make an intervention during the conference, we look forward to receive your thesis statement until September 1, 2012 in order to prepare the publication of conference materials.

Sincerely Yours,

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**First Deputy**  
**Prime Minister of Uzbekistan**

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