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### **Candidate for: Deputy Secretary**

I am the Foreign Relations Manager of the Green Crescent Society, which is established in 1920, and struggles against tobacco, alcohol, drug, technology, and gambling addictions with its 120 branches and hundreds of thousands of volunteers. Moreover, it pioneered the establishment of 52 independent Country Green Crescents and assembled the International Federation of Green Crescents (IFGC) in 2016 as one of the largest umbrella organization at Global. Also, the Green Crescent is the East Europe and Central Asia Representative of Civil Society Task Force.

Before Green Crescent, I have served for a number of organizations on economic and social cooperation & development. I have been experienced in strategy and operations in global projects by serving multinational organizations in more than 60 countries for the past 15 years.

In recent years, I had a chance to work very close with the international organizations like UNODC, WHO, EMCDDA, OSCE, EMCDDA, the Pompidou Group and the many others that added new capacity to my abilities.

I was fortunated enough to work closely with Vienna NGO Committee, the international NGO's like IOGT, EURAD, Drug Policy Futures, WFAD, IDPC and many others. By all, I learned the importance of prevention, rehabilitation, recovery, and the harm reduction especially what they mean for the community and for the families.

I understand that the fight against addictions cannot be won exclusively with governments, international organizations, and the civil society. The success can be achieved only with the integral collaboration of all parties for the sustainable development.

I want to serve for the Deputy Secretary Role in VNGOC to do my best for the all NGOs, which are dedicated themselves to work for public health and the human honor. I strongly believe that I will add value with my network and experiences in East Europe and Central Asia, South East Asia, Africa in General, Middle East, and the Balkans for the expansion of VNGOC in Global.