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Washington, DC 20530

Exhibit B to Registration Statement Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

INSTRUCTIONS. A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements, or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit B form at https://www.fara.gov.

Privacy Act Statement. The filing of this document is required for the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, for the purposes of registration under the Act and public disclosure. Provision of the information requested is mandatory, and failure to provide the information is subject to the penalty and enforcement provisions established in Section 8 of the Act. Every registration statement, short form registration statement, supplemental statement, exhibit, amendment, copy of informational materials or other document or information filed with the Attorney General under this Act is a public record open to public examination, inspection and copying during the posted business hours of the FARA Unit in Washington, DC. Statements are also available online at the FARA Unit's webpage: https://www.fara.gov. One copy of every such document, other than informational materials, is automatically provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, and copies of any and all documents are routinely made available to other agencies, departments and Congress pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act. The Attorney General also transmits a semi-annual report to Congress on the administration of the Act which lists the names of all agents registered under the Act and the foreign principals they represent. This report is available to the public in print and online at: https://www.fara.gov .

Public Reporting Burden. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .32 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Chief, FARA Unit, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Name of Registrant	2. Registration Number
Independent Diplomat, Inc.	5860

3. Name of Foreign Principal

Southern Transitional Council (STC)

Check Appropriate Box:

4. ☒ The agreement between the registrant and the above-named foreign principal is a formal written contract. If this box is checked, attach a copy of the contract to this exhibit.

5. ☐ There is no formal written contract between the registrant and the foreign principal. The agreement with the above-named foreign principal has resulted from an exchange of correspondence. If this box is checked, attach a copy of all pertinent correspondence, including a copy of any initial proposal which has been adopted by reference in such correspondence.

6. ☐ The agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal is the result of neither a formal written contract nor an exchange of correspondence between the parties. If this box is checked, give a complete description below of the terms and conditions of the oral agreement or understanding, its duration, the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.

7. What is the date of the contract or agreement with the foreign principal? 01/01/2025

8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

Independent Diplomat will seek to support the STC to improve its diplomatic engagement.

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9. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

ID will seek the views of the US Government by meeting officials and desk officers in the State Department including at the US Mission to the UN, in order to assist the Southern Transitional Council in its diplomatic efforts. ID may also facilitate media opportunities for representatives of the STC.

10. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act[1].

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose. The response must include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

See Appendix for Response

11. Prior to the date of registration[2] for this foreign principal has the registrant engaged in any registrable activities, such as political activities, for this foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A - This statement is filed to update the registrant's agreement/contract with the foreign principal.

If yes, describe in full detail all such activities. The response should include, among other things, the relations, interests, and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored, or delivered speeches, lectures, social media, internet postings, or media broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers, and subject matter. The response must also include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

Set forth below a general description of the registrant's activities, including political activities.

Set forth below in the required detail the registrant's political activities.

Date	Contact	Method	Purpose

12. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register[3] for this foreign principal, has the registrant received from the foreign principal, or from any other source, for or in the interests of the foreign principal, any contributions, income, money, or thing of value either as compensation, or for disbursement, or otherwise?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A - This statement is filed to update the registrant's agreement/contract with the foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

Date Received	From Whom	Purpose	Amount/Thing of Value

13. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register[4] for this foreign principal, has the registrant disbursed or expended monies, or disposed of anything of value other than money, in connection with activity on behalf of the foreign principal or transmitted monies to any such foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A - This statement is filed to update the registrant's agreement/contract with the foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

Date	Recipient	Purpose	Amount/Thing of Value

1 "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

2,3,4 Pursuant to Section 2(a) of the Act, an agent must register within ten days of becoming an agent, and before acting as such.

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EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and subject to the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 22 U.S.C. § 618, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this statement filed pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof, and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Date	Printed Name		Signature
01/10/2025	Reza Afshar	Sign	/s/Reza Afshar
		Sign	
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Date	Printed Name	Signature
27 Nov 2024	Reza Afshar	

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Appendix
Response to Item 10

Item 10: Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act. If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose. The response must include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

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INDEPENDENT DIPLOMAT
THE DIPLOMATIC ADVISORY GROUP

AGREEMENT BETWEEN

Independent Diplomat ("ID")

and

The Southern Transitional Council ("the Client")

WHEREAS:

ID is an independent non-profit organisation established in order to resolve or prevent conflict by offering diplomatic advice and assistance to marginalised governments and political groups, and;

In reliance upon ID's experience and expertise, the Client wishes to engage ID to provide diplomatic advisory services to it and ID has accepted the engagement on the terms set out below.

NOW THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Client has requested and ID has agreed to provide diplomatic advisory services to the Client as set out in the schedule attached hereto ("the Services") in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

2. ID shall provide the Services to the Client for a period of two (2) years, starting from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2026, unless this Agreement is terminated sooner by one or both of the Parties pursuant to paragraph 10 below.

3. The Client agrees to pay ID an annual fee of five hundred and twenty thousand United States dollars (USD 520,000) for the Services provided under this Agreement. This fee is inclusive of all expenses related to activities that fall under the Services provided, including but not limited to travel, accommodation, venue hire, media dissemination costs, translation services, and external contractor support.

4. The annual fee shall be paid in full by the Client to ID no later than January 1st of each year under this Agreement.

5. During the period of this Agreement, ID may provide advice and/or services to other persons or entities, which do not impinge upon its ability to provide the Services to the Client.

6. ID warrants and represents to the Client that it is an independent contractor and as such bears sole responsibility for the payment of any form of tax levied by the government body of the United Kingdom, on any payments received by ID under this Agreement. Any other taxes incurred in relation to other payments or arrangements made under this Agreement shall be solely for the account of the Client.

7. ID will provide its services principally to the President of the STC, the STC's Authority of

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Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, the international offices / representatives of the STC, and to the Special Representative of the President. ID coordinates the services requested of it directly with the Head of the STC's Authority of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Dr Saleh Al Haj. Requests for advice and support from the STC shall be treated in strict confidence. The support and services provided by ID under this contract will be reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Client and ID.

8. Neither ID nor any of its employees, agents, independent contractors or sub-contractors shall disclose, use or cause to be disclosed or used at any time during or subsequent to this Agreement, any secret or confidential information of the Client or any other information relating to the financial or other affairs of the Client, except as required by the Client in connection with ID's performance of the Agreement or as required by law. ID's activities are subject to data protection laws which may require ID to obtain from the Client written express consent from each of its representatives to use the personal data of those individual representatives. ID reserves the right to publicize its work, including the existence of this Agreement, for fundraising and other promotional purposes on the understanding that ID shall not disclose any of the Client's confidential information.

9. Neither the Client nor any of its employees, agents, independent contractors or sub-contractors shall disclose, use or cause to be disclosed or used at any time during or subsequent to this Agreement, any secret or confidential information of ID or any other information relating to the financial or other affairs of ID, except as required by ID in connection with the Client's performance of the Agreement or as required by law.

10. This Agreement may be terminated:

a. by mutual agreement of the Parties;

b. by the Client upon thirty (30) business days written notice to ID under the following circumstances:

(i) There is a substantial breach by ID of the terms of this Agreement which ID has not remedied or resolved within a reasonable period of time of having been informed in writing by the Client of the breach;

(ii) ID is unable or unwilling to provide any one or more of the Services within a reasonable time after being requested in writing by the Client to do so;

(iii) Due to other circumstances, the Client determines that ID is no longer able to engage with or provide Services to the Client.

c. by ID upon thirty (30) business days written notice to the Client under the following circumstances:

(i) ID determines in its sole discretion that its continued representation of the Client may in any way compromise or undermine ID's status as a politically neutral independent diplomatic advisory group;

(ii) There is a substantial breach by the Client of the terms of this Agreement;

(iii) The Client discloses secret or confidential information belonging to or about ID to any third party without prior permission from ID;

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(iv) The invoices referenced in paragraph 4 above remain unpaid for a period exceeding 60 days;

d. by ID with immediate effect if ID determines that the Client has breached any of ID's ethical criteria and/or that the Client or those for whom it is responsible acts as an aggressor in armed conflict, engages in systematic humanitarian or human rights violations or otherwise acts in serious contravention of international law;

11. The Termination Date shall be the date mutually agreed upon in (a) above or the seventh business day after written notice mentioned in (b) and (c) above is received.

12. ID shall not be liable for any loss, damages, expenses of whatsoever nature or kind suffered by the Client, their servants, agents, employees or contractors arising out of ID's performance of this Agreement.

13. The Client shall be solely responsible for the costs, expenses, fees and liabilities of any third party contractors that the Client requests ID to employ to provide services to the Client which do not fall within the Services.

14. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the Parties. No amendment, change or modification of this Agreement shall be valid unless executed in writing and signed by the Parties hereto.

15. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of England and all disputes and differences arising under or in connection with this Agreement shall be referred to arbitration on the written request of one Party served on the other. The arbitration shall be conducted in English and finally settled in London under the Rules of Arbitration of the London Court of International Arbitration by a sole arbitrator appointed in accordance with the said Rules. The cost of arbitration will be borne in such proportions as the arbitrator decides. Judgment upon award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

16. Any notice to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and will be deemed to be sufficiently served by one Party on the other if it is either delivered personally or is sent by facsimile or is sent by email and addressed to the Party to whom it is to be given.

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by the Parties; if not signed on the same date, it shall enter into force on the later of the two dates.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the duly authorised representatives of the Parties have signed this Agreement in English in duplicate.

For the Client

By Dr Saleh Al-Haj

Title:

Southern Transitional Council

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Head of the Authority of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates

Date: 29/12/2024 Signed .....

For Independent Diplomat

By Nick Scott

Title: Managing Director

Date: 26/12/2024 Signed .....

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ID will provide these services primarily to the President of the STC, the STC's Authority of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, the international offices/representatives of the STC, and to the Special Representative of the President. The Client and ID may together develop a detailed workplan to guide specific activities under these Services.

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Notes on Independent Diplomat's Services

1 All of ID's clients must have been assessed positively against ID's ethical criteria, which are commitment to democratic, accountable, transparent and corruption-free government; protection of human rights; and respect for international law. Independent Diplomat's advice will always be within the framework of international law and accepted human rights norms and ID will not condone or accept the use of unlawful violence or abuse of human rights.

2 Independent Diplomat's purpose is to assist in the prevention and resolution of conflict. It does not in any way seek to get involved in political activity or to produce specific political outcomes but to assist its clients in seeking peaceful and diplomatic resolution of their objectives. ID does not wish to be party-political in the countries in which it operates and seeks to serve the best interests of the country as a whole.

3 ID does not act as an advocate for individuals or organisations or their programmes or for any political or ideological point of view, and is a politically neutral independent diplomatic advisory group.

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