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The activity of “*Ghevond Alishan*” Association is known to me since 1990 and I appreciate it highly as an important step in formation of the newly independent Republic of Armenia.

Teaching of their mother language to Armenians living abroad who do not know it and to refugees is of primary importance.

The “*Ghevond Alishan*” Association has willingly assumed the realization of this important task.

Since 1991 the Association has organized courses of teaching “*Armenian Language and Culture*” which have become popular among the Armenian Diaspora and the refugees and have a great demand.

The Association has developed a specific method of teaching the Armenia language which has proved to be efficient.

For the first time in Armenia the Association is doing his best to keep scientist women of Armenia together.

Although, the activity of the Association not long it has been able to establish links with other countries and create corresponding branches in France, Russia, the Ukraine and so on.

As for as it is known to us that similar organizations enjoy the support of the government and are given financial assistance.

In order to spread its language and culture each state creates a special center. Getting acquainted with the activity of “*Ghevond Alishan*” Association we can say we have the prototype of such center.

The reference is given to organizations and individuals who are interested in plans of the Association.

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Madame, Sir,

I would like to emphasize the unique interest that I am taking up towards “*Ghevond Alishan*” Association due to Ms. Svetlana Aslanyan’s devotion and energy to teach the Armenian language to various social strata. Conscious of present mutation, especially mass refugees flood in Armenia for last few years, Ms. Svetlana Aslanyan who, besides, is a conformed research worker, used her competences to help refugees to understand that they are also Armenian -speaking and to help them to adapt in the new society.

I appreciate this effort and especially recommended to take interest in demand of Ms. Svetlana Aslanyan.