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Dear Sir or Madam,

Consular Section US Embassy Ashgabat, Turkmenistan is updating a list of emergency medical evacuation contacts and we would like to ask your company to provide the following information:

• Does your company transport seriously ill or injured patients from Turkmenistan? Do you provide coverage for the entire country, or only from specific regions?

ATS has the capability to transport seriously ill or injured patients from Turkmenistan on a pre-scheduled, non-emergent basis.

o Can you please describe available transportation options and flight arrangements for various types of medical evacuation cases from Turkmenistan?

ATS Offers private jet long range transports on Lear-36 (one patient only), Gulfstream aircraft(capable of multi-patient and family member accompaniment), Commercial Airline Stretcher staffed by two-person critical care team and Airline Medical Escort in First-Class Sleeper with full advance life support level of medical care.

o Does your company have any agreements with the Government of Turkmenistan related to facilitating medical evacuations (for example, agreement for landing and overflight clearance for air ambulances)?

ATS does not have a formal agreement with the Government of Turkmenistan and will obtain medical clearance and over flight clearance using an international flight "handler" on a case by case basis. As our corporate headquarters in near Washington D.C. we are able to make direct visits to the Embassy for special clearance paperwork and special diplomatic requests.

o Has your company ever evacuated a client from Turkmenistan? Can you comment on the level of medical care that past evacuates needed and how your company accommodated that care?

ATS has not completed an evacuation from Turkmenistan but has completed international repatriations from about 80 countries over the last 25 years and has never lost a patient in-flight or diverted an aircraft due to a change in a patient's medical condition. o Does your company provide 24 hour contact information?

ATS provides 24 hour, 7 day response with requests being handled 365 days a year.

o Does your company have a local medical representative in Turkmenistan who facilitates evacuations and/or assists clients with obtaining appropriate medical care within Turkmenistan when available?

ATS does not have a local medical representative but as previously stated, we are within a 30 mile drive of the Embassies in Washington D.C.

o What other medical evacuation services does your company provide?

ATS specializes in providing medical care to anyone flying on aircraft whether that involves a critical patient care movement between facilities or the most basic care of nursing home patients that need medical escort and vital sign monitoring. Our Chief Flight Nurse/Program Director developed the medical screening program for Delta and Piedmont (which is now US Airways) so we have better than normal understanding and appreciation for using this lower cost method of long distance transportation.

o Would your company like to be listed as an option for interested American travelers on the U.S. Embassy website?

Yes...Aeromedical Transport Specialists, Inc. (ATS) will very much appreciate being listed as a possible resource for ANY travelers accessing information on the U.S. Embassy Website.

We appreciate your assistance in providing this information. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding this questionnaire.