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## Appeal of the Ukrainian Association of Furniture Manufacturers to International Partners and Furniture Business Associations

## Dear colleagues,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Ukrainian Association of Furniture Manufacturers with a request regarding the possibility of Ukrainian students completing internships at international furniture companies. Our association actively participates in the development of the vocational education system in Ukraine and aims to improve the quality of training for skilled workers in the furniture manufacturing industry.

The Higher Artistic Professional School No. 3 in Ivano-Frankivsk prepares skilled workers, including in the professions of "Carpenter. Woodworking machine operator" and "Wood and bark carver". Each year, 30-50 students aged 16-18 could undergo foreign internships for each of these professions.

We are interested in both internships for students at furniture or woodworking companies and broad cooperation with vocational schools - exchange of experience, teacher internships, and more. We would like our students to have the opportunity to see and practice in conditions of effective production organization, as well as gain experience from leading world furniture companies. We are confident that this will increase their chances of a successful career in the furniture manufacturing industry and help improve the level of vocational training in Ukraine.

We would greatly appreciate your support in improving the professional skills of Ukrainian students, as well as any other support or advice.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions for clarification.

Best regards, Valentyna Khystova Executive Director of the "UAFM" Association