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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this reference on behalf of Maria Kasmirili who is an applicant for a position in your department.

I knew Maria when we were colleagues in the philosophy department at Keele University, and had a number of stimulating discussions with her about her work on Gricean implicature. Since then I have had an opportunity to read a chapter from her Phd thesis: one in which she criticizes Levinson on generalized implicatures.

When I encountered her at Keele Maria struck me as very bright with a lively mind. In discussion she was articulate, and displayed an imaginative and critical grasp of the issues. This impression has been confirmed by the chapter I have read from her thesis. She sets Levinson's view out with admirable clarity, and makes telling points against them. Of course, I am only judging on the basis of reading one chapter, but would be surprised if the thesis did not make a valuable contribution to the area.

I would expect Maria to make a fine teacher. She is experienced, articulate, dedicated, well organized and, I am sure, with her winning personality, would engage students with widely varying backgrounds and abilities. She taught philosophy of mind at Keele, and, I have every reason to think, did so with great success.

Maria is a delightful person, and would make an excellent colleague. I have no hesitation in recommending her for the position.

If you would like me to add to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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