

**AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA  
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN ON  
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM**

The Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Government of the Republic of India, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

In order to create favorable conditions for the development of tourism and better acquaintance with the cultural life of the population of the states of the Parties,

On the basis of mutual interest in expanding cooperation in the field of tourism between the Parties,

Noting the positive role of the introduction by the Uzbek side of simplified visa procedure and procedure for visa-free transit entry, temporary stay and departure from the Republic of Uzbekistan for citizens of the Republic of India in increasing the tourist flow between the two countries,

Taking into account the important role of tourism in the economic, social and cultural progress of the states of the Parties,

Striving to achieve effective cooperation in the field of tourism on a bilateral basis,

Guided by the principles of equality, mutual respect and mutual benefit,

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

The Parties shall promote expansion of cooperation in the field of tourism in order to familiarize citizens of the states of the Parties with the achievements in the fields of science, economics, social development, culture with nature and sightseeing, as well as with historical monuments and cultural traditions of the states of the Parties.

In order to increase the tourist flow between the two countries, the Parties shall take measures aimed at simplifying the procedure for the entry of citizens of the state of the other Party into the territory of their state within the framework of the national legislation of their states.

## **Article 2**

The Parties shall promote development of close cooperation between the organizations of the states of the Parties engaged in activities in the field of tourism with a view to mutual increasing the tourist flow between the State of the Parties.

## **Article 3**

The Parties shall facilitate the promotion of ancient cities and tourist centers of Uzbekistan - Samarkand, Bukhara, Shakhrisabz, Khiva, Tashkent, Kokand, Termez and others, as well as such tourist centers in India as Delhi, Agra, Varanasi, Hampi, Ahmedabad, Madurai and others, including through the organization of international conferences, forums, seminars, exhibitions, publications in the media, revealing the historical role, modern significance and large-scale potential of tourism and investment opportunities of these cities.

## **Article 4**

In order to achieve objectives under framework of this Agreement, the Parties shall in accordance with the laws, rules and policies of the respective states cooperate in the following directions and forms:

- a) conducting advertising campaigns in mass media in the states of the Parties;
- b) carrying out various activities for the development of tourism, including seminars, conferences and meetings in the B2B format;
- c) participation in tourism fairs and exhibitions held in the territories of the states of the Parties;
- d) encouragement of health and pilgrim tourism;
- e) organization of study tours for representatives of tourist organizations and representatives of mass media of the states of Parties;
- f) supporting the cooperation of the Parties and attracting investment in tourism sector;
- g) assistance in training of personnel, as well as organizing internships for tourism industry representatives through the exchange of experience of specialists of interested institutions of the states of the Parties;
- h) exchange of information and experience in the field of tourism, as well as on benefits in the field of investment provided in accordance with the national legislation of the states of the Parties;
- i) distribution of touristic publications and other materials, in particular, audio and video materials promoting the tourist potential of the states of the Parties;
- j) development of new tourist destinations;
- k) other related areas which are mutual interest to the Parties.

### **Article 5**

The Parties shall designate the following as competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement:

from the Indian side - The Ministry of Tourism of the Republic of India.

from the Uzbek side - The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Tourism Development;

### **Article 6**

The Parties, per laws, rules, regulations and policies established by the legislation of each of the state, shall take measures to protect the rights and legitimate interests, as well as to ensure the safety of tourists of the states of the Parties staying in the territory of the State of the other Party, including measures for their evacuation in event of emergency situations.

### **Article 7**

In order to ensure the practical implementation of this Agreement, the Parties establish a Joint Working Group in the field of tourism, which shall include an equal number of members of each Party.

The Joint Working Group shall conduct periodic meetings preferably once in every two years alternately in Uzbekistan and India at pre-specified dates mutually agreed between the Parties. The Parties may invite representatives of private companies operating in the tourism sector to attend these meetings.

### **Article 8**

The costs relating to the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be borne by each Party in accordance with the national law and policies of the states of the Parties within the available financial resources allocated to the relevant sphere, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in each particular case.

### **Article 9**

Any dispute and disagreements arising from the application or interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be resolved between the Parties through consultations and negotiations.

### **Article 10**

This Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties arising from other international treaties to which their States are parties.

### **Article 11**

By mutual consent of the Parties, this Agreement may be amended and supplemented by separate protocols which shall be formed an integral part of this Agreement.

### **Article 12**

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force until the expiration of three months from the date of receipt by one of the Parties of written notification of the other Party of its intention to terminate its operation.

With the entry into force of this Agreement, the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Government of the Republic of India on cooperation in the field of tourism, signed July 6, 2015 in Tashkent, shall cease its force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned being duly authorized there to have signed this Agreement.

Done at New Delhi on 01<sup>st</sup> October, 2018, in two original copies, each in Uzbek, Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in the interpretation of texts, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Government  
of the Republic of India**

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