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**JOINT DECLARATION
ON COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN
AND
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**

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The Republic of Uzbekistan and the Federal Republic of Germany, hereinafter referred to as the “Sides” note the deep historical ties between the peoples of Uzbekistan and Germany and the traditions of fruitful cooperation that have been developed since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Sides as two equal and friendly states. They consider the high level and multidimensional nature of their relations based on the principles of mutual respect for each state’s sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and non-interference in each other’s internal affairs, as well as mutual trust and convergence of interests in various fields, reaffirm their joint commitment to the purposes and principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, the Helsinki Final Act and other international legal instruments promoting peace and security, promotion, protection and fulfillment of human rights and the development of effective inter-state cooperation in Europe and Asia and note their joint commitment to democracy and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. The Sides emphasize the need to respect the international order, based on the principles of international law, such as respect for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries, aspire to the development of long-term cooperation and its further expansion into new areas of mutual interest and emphasize the continuing high significance of the provisions of the Joint Declaration of Intent on the Deepening of Multifaceted Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany dated May 2, 2023. The Sides note the fruitful



bilateral relationship including the intensified political dialogue, enhanced trade-economic cooperation and strengthened people-to-people ties between the two countries. They emphasize the importance of the Strategic Regional Partnership between Germany and Central Asia, as founded by the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany and Heads of States of the Central Asian countries at the Summit meeting in Berlin on 29 September 2023,

Reaffirming their will to continue and intensify cooperation within the framework of this Regional Partnership in the determined areas of economy, energy and natural resources, regional cooperation and resilience, climate and environment, and people to people, the Sides have come to the understanding to cooperate in the following areas:

(1) Political Interaction

Holding regular political consultations between the Foreign Ministries of the Sides to promote dialogue and cooperation on topical bilateral, regional and international issues including human rights issues;

Taking into account the high outcomes achieved within the framework of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the Republic of Uzbekistan, on the one hand, and the European Communities and their Member States, on the other hand, signed on June 21, 1996, in Florence, further support by Germany to strengthen relations between Uzbekistan and the EU, including on issues of conclusion and entry into force of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between Uzbekistan and the European Union;

Providing political support in order to promote the process of Uzbekistan's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO);

Encouraging cooperation and regular exchanges between the parliaments of Uzbekistan and Germany as well as interaction through the relevant friendship groups of legislative bodies;

Encouraging closer ties between foreign policy think tanks and research institutes to enhance exchanges and facilitate cooperation;

Strengthening dialogue and interaction within the Central Asia + Germany format involving all interested organizations, mutual support of initiatives to develop multidimensional and long-term cooperation on this platform;



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Strengthening cooperation and mutual support within the United Nations, including specialized agencies and institutions, the OSCE and other international organizations of which the Sides are members;

(2) Interaction in Defense and Security

Exploring opportunities to build on existing cooperation on defense at the bilateral level as well as within the framework of the Partnership for Peace Program;

Noting the practical cooperation in the fight against organized crime, as well as terrorism and extremism, in alignment with international law and pertinent human rights regimes, and radicalization among youth, cybercrime as well as illicit trafficking in drugs and psychotropic substances;

Welcoming the successful cooperation within the framework of the regional GIZ project "Prevention of Violent Extremism in Central Asia" in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

(3) Trade and Economic Cooperation

Developing the economic cooperation on the basis of the principles of mutual respect for the Sides' interests, equality and mutual benefit through the methods and forms stipulated in intergovernmental agreements in force;

Strengthening the systematic work of the Uzbek-German Intergovernmental Working Group on Trade and Investment by continuing its meetings with the achievement of specific agreements;

Supporting the increase of volume and expanding the range of mutual trade through the use of opportunities for exports from Uzbekistan to the European Union within the GSP+ preferential system;

Strengthening and diversifying the cooperation in priority areas of the economy – energy including renewable energy sources, and green hydrogen critical raw materials, transport, construction industry, digital transformation/Industry 4.0, the chemical industry, medicine, electronics/electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, light industry/textile industry, environment and water, agriculture and metallurgy, cars and spare parts and others;

Offering advice and considering a declaration of intent in good governance of enterprises with state participation;



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Creating favorable conditions for increasing and protecting mutual investments, including through more active participation in bilateral economic projects by the specialized organizations, agencies and funds;

Encouraging the establishment and development of a regular dialogue between the business organizations of the two countries, including small and medium-sized enterprises, holding business forums and seminars, joint participation in thematic exhibitions;

Expanding cooperation within the framework of international economic, commercial and financial institutions and forums;

Developing the cooperation in the nationwide establishment of dual vocational education and training (VET);

(4) Culture, Science, Education, Mobility and Tourism

Promoting cooperation to strengthen legal migration and reduce irregular migration according to the Agreement between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan on a Comprehensive Migration and Mobility Partnership dated September 15, 2024;

Promoting cultural cooperation and wider coverage of each other's cultural heritage and achievements through exhibitions, cultural and artistic events, including the teaching and dissemination of the Uzbek and German languages;

Supporting ethnic Germans in Uzbekistan and strengthening the bridging function between the two cultures;

Stimulating the implementation of joint programs and projects, exchange of scientists and specialists and other forms of cooperation in the field of preservation, protection, use and restoration of archaeological, artistic and cultural heritage through exchange of information, experience, joint publications and expert visits;

Promoting cooperation in the basic and applied sciences for the implementation of advanced techniques and innovative technologies, and exchanges between scientific and research institutions, including through scholarship and grant programs;

Promoting further expansion of cooperation in higher education through the strengthening of partnership ties between educational institutions,



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exchange of students and teachers, establishment of joint study programs, faculties and higher education institutions;

Promoting intercultural and interreligious dialogue through joint initiatives;

Strengthening public diplomacy by building people-to-people exchanges, including intensifying collaboration between citizens and communities, especially young people and youth unions, in the fields of culture, education, media, health and social welfare and sports;

Promoting increase of tourist flows between the two countries on the basis of provisions of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on Cultural Cooperation dated April 28, 1993.

The Sides declare the following:

1. The Sides will further promote their close partnership with a view to deepening and expanding cooperation between the two countries and their societies, both in bilateral and multilateral formats in the four aforementioned areas.
2. The Sides seek to mutually determine the forms and directions of cooperation in each specific area. All measures and cooperation projects of this bilateral declaration are subject to financial viability.
3. The Sides concur that the Agreement between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Uzbekistan on Technical Cooperation of 03.04.2001 should automatically continue with an annual extension of the Agreement in accordance with Article 7 (2) and to conclude an exchange of notes on the extension of this Agreement in a timely manner.
4. The Joint Declaration is not an international treaty and consequently does not create rights and obligations under international law.
5. This Joint Declaration may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of both Sides.
6. Each Side may end cooperation under this Joint Declaration at any time. It should inform the other Side in writing of its intention to end cooperation at least six months prior.