

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**on cooperation for environmental protection**  
**between**  
**the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan**  
**for Nature Protection**  
**and the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea**

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Nature Protection and the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as "the Sides "),

DESIRING to strengthen the friendly relations between the two countries, on the basis of the sovereignty of each country,

CONSIDERING their common interest in promoting cooperation for environmental protection and sustainable development and in building human capacity for natural resources and environmental management, based on the principles of equality and mutual benefit,

RECOGNIZING that the effective protection of the environment requires cooperation at bilateral and multilateral levels, and that those activities to protect the environment should be carried out at the regional, national and local levels,

BELIEVING that cooperation between the Sides in the field of environmental protection and sustainable development will further promote the friendly relations between the two countries, and

AWARE of the importance of low carbon green growth as the new development strategy in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and pollutions and to achieve sustainable development,

Have reached the following understanding:

## Paragraph 1

### Objective

1. The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "Memorandum") is to develop and promote long-term cooperation in the field of environmental protection and enhancement, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

2. The main purpose of the cooperation under this Memorandum is to provide sound opportunities for the exchange of information, technology and experiences in the field of environment and to carry out cooperative activities in the areas of mutual interest.

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## Paragraph 2

### Scope of Cooperation

The Sides will facilitate cooperation on initiatives that prevent and adapt to climate change and pursue joint activities to fulfill the UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol and environmental protection in the following priority fields among others:

- a) management of protected natural areas;
- b) protection of biological diversity;
- c) response to climate change;
- d) environmental impact assessment;
- e) solid waste management (including hazardous wastes) and waste-to-energy;
- f) environmental monitoring;
- g) protection of soil;
- h) efficient use and protection of subsoil;
- i) use of alternative energy sources;

- j) elaboration of legal and technical acts;
- k) improvement of governance of the environment protection and nature management;
- l) capacity building;
- m) water resources conservation;
- n) any other fields that may be jointly decided upon by the Sides.

### Paragraph 3

#### Cooperative Activities

Cooperative activities under this Memorandum may include:

- a) exchange of environmental information and materials;
- b) exchange of visits of environmental experts and scientists;
- c) provision of training opportunities;
- d) jointly organized seminars, workshops and meetings;
- e) joint implementation of projects;
- f) promotion of opportunities of available scholarships and cooperation between their respective universities and institutions in joint studies and research as agreed mutually;
- g) any other forms of cooperation that may be jointly decided upon by the Sides.

### Paragraph 4

#### Implementation

Both Sides will make their best efforts to promote joint implementation of cooperative projects in the fields stated in Paragraph 2.

Paragraph 5  
Appointment of Coordinator

1. Each Side will, within two (2) months from the entry into force of this Memorandum, appoint one coordinator to be responsible for the identification and coordination of cooperative activities under this Memorandum.

2. The coordinator of both Sides will communicate, as jointly decided upon, to review on-going cooperation and plan future cooperative activities.

Paragraph 6  
Expenses

Each Side will bear its own expenses incurred under this Memorandum, including the international travel and in-country expenses of its representatives traveling to the other country, unless otherwise jointly decided by the Sides.

Paragraph 7  
Rights and Obligations

1. Nothing in this Memorandum will affect the rights and obligations of the Sides deriving from any treaties, conventions and regional or international agreements related to the environment to which they are party.

2. The cooperative activities under this Memorandum will be carried out in compliance with the respective laws and regulations of the countries and subject to the availability of appropriate funds and personnel of the Sides.

Paragraph 8  
Dispute Settlement

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum will be settled through consultations between the Sides.

Paragraph 9  
Entry into Force, Amendment and Termination

1. This Memorandum will come into effect on the date of its signature by both Sides and may be terminated with written notification by one Side to the other. The termination will be effective six (6) months after the receipt of the written notification by the other Side.

2. The termination of this Memorandum will not affect any ongoing cooperative activities initiated under this Memorandum before the date of the written notification.

4. This Memorandum may be amended with the mutual written consent of the Sides.

Signed at Seoul on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2010, in duplicate in English language.