Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of environment protection and conservation of natural resources for sustainable development between the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Government of the State of Qatar

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

Desiring to cooperate in the areas of environment protection, rehabilitation and conservation of natural resources for sustainable development; and to strengthen the idea of sustainable development in the international and regional organizations,

Recognizing the need to coordinate the environmental issues between them at the environmental conferences and the international and regional meetings to enhance their environmental cooperation,

Have agreed to the followings:

Article 1

The Parties shall seek to strengthen and develop bilateral cooperation in the areas of environment protection and conservation of natural resources for sustainable development in equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

Article 2

The areas of cooperation between the Parties are as follows:

1. Notification and prevention of environmental pollution, and waste management;

2. Environmental impact assessment for development projects;

3. Environmental public awareness and information and practice exchange;

4. Natural reserves management;

5. Environmental indicators and indicators for sustainable development;

6. Improvement of the environment in urbanized areas Combating desertification and lands degradation;

7. Environmental tourism;

8. Water resources conservation and improvement;

9. Development of industry and technologies in the area of environment protection and natural resources conservation;

10. Protection and propagation of endangered species, in particular falcon breading;

11. Other areas related to environment as will be mutually agreed by the Parties.

Article 3

1. The Parties have agreed to:

2. Exchange environmental information, documents and publications on environment protection and natural resources conservation, which are not considered as confidential, periodically.

3. Organize and implement specific joint programs and/or projects in the areas of cooperation specified in this Memorandum, based on contracts concluded separately for each case

4. Exchange experts, researchers and technicians.

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Article 4

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

Article 5

The competent authorities of the Parties responsible for the implementation of the areas of cooperation under this Memorandum are:

for the Republic of Uzbekistan - the State Committee for Nature Protection;

for the State of Qatar - Ministry of Environment.

The Parties may form joint committees, work groups or appoint coordinators in areas falling within the scope of this Memorandum.

Article 6

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties through separate Protocols, which will be considered as its integral part.

Article 7

This Memorandum shall enter into force from the date of receipt through official diplomatic channels of the last written notification about the fulfillment by the Parties of their respective internal procedures required for its entry into force, and shall remain valid for five years and shall automatically be renewed for same periods, unless one Party notifies the other in written form of its intention to terminate it six months prior to the date specified for the termination or expiry, through diplomatic missions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Memorandum.

Done in Doha on the 24 th day of November 2010 in two original copies, each in Uzbek, Arabic and English languages, all texts being equally authentic, in case of divergence in interpretation the English text shall prevail.