

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 India represented by the Ministry of Tourism and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan represented by the National Company «Uzbektourism», hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Guided by intention for further development and strengthening the cooperation in the field of tourism between the two States;

Realizing the importance of tourism sector in economic development;

Recognising the importance of tourism in the enhancement of understanding between the people of the States of the Parties;

Based on the principles of equality, mutual respect and mutual benefit,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall promote the widening of cooperation in the field of tourism in order to familiarize citizens of the two countries with the achievements in the fields of history, culture as well as nature and sights, historic monuments and national traditions of the peoples of their countries.

Article 2

The Parties will encourage their citizens to travel to each other's country according to their State's national legislation. The Parties shall promote cooperation and direct communication between the stakeholders of tourism for enhancing tourism cooperation.

Article 3

The Parties shall endeavor to enhance cooperation in following areas under this Agreement:

- a) Exchange of information related to tourism;
- b) Establishing expert-exchange programmes for cooperation in Human Resource Development;
- c) Encouraging attracting investment in tourism, including the exchange of information on investment preferences, granted in accordance with the national legislation of the Parties' States;
- d) Organization of mutual special visits for representatives of tour operators and well known mass media in tourism sphere of the Parties' States;
- e) Exchange of experience in the areas of promotion, marketing, destination development and management;
- f) Participation in travel fairs/exhibitions in each other's country;
- g) Promoting safe and sustainable tourism.

Article 4

The Parties may establish a Joint Working Group which shall include an equal number of members of each Party in order to exchange views on implementation of this Agreement.

The Joint Working Group shall conduct periodical meetings preferably once in every two years in turn on pre-specified dates mutually agreed between the Parties. The Parties may invite representatives from tourism sector to attend these meetings.

Article 5

For Joint Working Group Meetings, the sending Party shall bear all expenses on delegation's travel, boarding and lodging. All expenses for organizing the meeting shall be borne by the hosting country.

Article 6

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

Article 7

By mutual consent of the Parties this Agreement may be amended and supplemented in written through diplomatic channels, which shall be an integral part of this Agreement.

Article 8

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation and/or application of any provisions of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through mutual consultations or negotiations between the Parties through diplomatic channels.

Article 9

This Agreement shall come into force on the date of its signature. This Agreement shall remain in force for five (5) years and shall be automatically prolonged for similar successive periods unless either of the Party gives written notice to the other Party through diplomatic channels on its intention to terminate the present Agreement at least six months before expiration of corresponding period.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

Done at Tashkent on 06 July 2015 in two original copies, each in Hindi, Uzbek and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

In case of divergence in the interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement, the English text shall prevail.

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


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**For the Government of
the Republic of Uzbekistan**


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