# Memorandum of Understanding between the Anti-Corruption Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption of Slovenia

Anti-Corruption Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption of Slovenia, hereinafter referred to as "Participants",

considering the great importance of the development of bilateral cooperation in combating corruption and striving for its coordination,

recognizing that the fight against corruption requires the use of joint and effective forms, methods and means,

have reached an understanding on the following,

#### Paragraph 1.

Within the framework of this Memorandum and in accordance with the legislation of their states, the Participants will carry out, maintain and strengthen cooperation in the field of preventing and combating corruption.

This Memorandum does not cover the issues of providing legal assistance, which are resolved on the basis of international agreements of the Member States.

## Paragraph 2.

Cooperation between the Participants under this Memorandum will be carried out in the following areas of activity:

- a) formation and implementation of state policy in the field of preventing and combating corruption;
- b) systematic analysis of the state of corruption;
- c) formation in society of an intolerant attitude towards corruption;
- d) coordination of the activities of ministries and departments in the field of preventing and combating corruption,
- e) effective interaction of the government bodies, media and civil society institutions in this area;
- f) ensuring transparency and openness of activities, as well as accountability of state bodies;
- g) implementation of international standards and best foreign practices in the field of preventing and combating corruption

h) and other mutually agreed areas of cooperation within the competence of the Participants.

#### Paragraph 3.

Cooperation under this Memorandum is carried out between the Participants in the following forms:

- a) organizing and conducting joint training courses, seminars or conferences to improve the qualification of the personnel;
- b) organization of visits, internships and other business trips for employees of the Participants in order to exchange best practices;
- c) exchange of information, normative legal acts, educational and methodological manuals on anti-corruption issues, as well as other professional documentation in the field of preventing and combating corruption, with the exception of information constituting a state or other secret:
- d) assistance in establishing professional ties and interaction with other state bodies of their states involved in combatting corruption.
- e) other mutually agreed forms of cooperation within the competence of the Participants.

## Paragraph 4.

Participants, when cooperating under this Memorandum, use English as their working language.

In the course of cooperation, the Participants communicate with each other through the following organizational structures of the Participants:

from the Uzbek side – Department of public relations, work with appeals and international cooperation of the Anti-Corruption Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

from the Slovenian side – International Relations Advisor at the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption of Slovenia.

### Paragraph 5.

Participants may not transfer information or documents received under this Memorandum to a third party without the written permission of the Participant who provided such information.

The requirements of this paragraph will remain in effect even after the partial or complete termination of this Memorandum.

### Paragraph 6.

This Memorandum is not an international treaty and will not create any rights and obligations under international law.

#### Paragraph 7.

The participants independently bear the costs that arise during the implementation of this Memorandum, within the funds provided for by the national legislation of their states, unless a different procedure is agreed in each specific case.

Participants may engage third parties (international organizations, non-governmental organizations, etc.) as sponsors to finance events organized under this Memorandum.

#### Paragraph 8.

Any disagreements in relation to the interpretation and implementation of this Memorandum will be settled by the Participants through consultations.

### Paragraph 9.

By mutual consent of the Participants, amendments and additions may be made to this Memorandum which will be an integral part of the Memorandum and drawn up in separate protocols.

## Paragraph 10.

This Memorandum will come into effect on the date of its signature and will continue to have effect until three months from the date of the receipt by one of the Participants of written notification from the other Participant of its intention to terminate this Memorandum.

Signed in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021, in two originals.

For the Commission for the

	Slovenia
Director	<b>Chief Commissioner</b>

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