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TREATY<sup>1</sup> OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE  
FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

The French Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Determined to develop a relationship of friendship and cooperation,

Convinced of the need to base their relations on trust and respect for the universal principles of freedom, democracy and justice,

Recognizing the primacy of international law in relations between States,

Basing themselves on the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the commitments they have made under the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, signed at Helsinki,<sup>2</sup> and the Charter of Paris for a New Europe,<sup>3</sup>

Aware that the future of relations between the two States is inextricably linked to the strengthening of peace, security and stability in Europe and Asia,

Taking into account the prospect of a European Union and its contribution to the building of a peaceful and united Europe,

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1*

The French Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan shall, in their mutual relations, act as sovereign States, equal under the law, in a spirit of mutual friendship and trust and in close cooperation in all areas.

The Parties shall conclude other agreements and arrangements, as necessary, for the implementation of this Treaty.

*Article 2*

The French Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan shall implement their political cooperation on both the bilateral and the multilateral level.

Recognizing the universal values of freedom and democracy, they shall cooperate in the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, in particular within the competent international organizations.

They shall combine their efforts with a view to ensuring international security, preventing conflicts and guaranteeing the primacy of international law in relations between States.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 3 May 1996 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, in accordance with article 20.

<sup>2</sup> *International Legal Materials* vol. XIV (1975), p. 1292 (American Society of International Law).

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session*, document A/45/859, p. 3

### *Article 3*

The French Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan shall hold regular consultations at the appropriate levels for the purpose of exchanging views on their bilateral relations and on international problems of common interest, in particular basic issues relating to security and cooperation in Europe.

The Parties shall endeavour to harmonize their positions in these areas as far as possible and, when they deem it necessary, shall take joint or concerted action.

To that end, meetings at the highest level shall be organized by agreement between the Parties. Their Ministers for Foreign Affairs shall meet at least once a year.

Working meetings between representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the two States shall be held as necessary.

Other members of the Governments of the two States shall meet as necessary to address matters of common interest.

### *Article 4*

In the event that a situation should arise which, in the opinion of one of the Parties, would create a threat to peace or a breach of the peace or would affect its major security interests, that Party may make a request to the other Party that consultations should be held between them on the matter without delay. The Parties shall endeavour to adopt a common position on the means to remedy the situation.

### *Article 5*

The French Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan shall consult each other within the international organizations of which they are members, in particular the United Nations, with a view to harmonizing their positions as far as possible, when they deem it necessary, and ensuring the greatest possible efficiency in the implementation of the measures taken within that context.

### *Article 6*

The French Republic undertakes to promote the development of ties between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the European Communities.

The commitments entered into by the French Republic in bilateral agreements with the Republic of Uzbekistan shall respect the treaties of the European Communities and the texts adopted for their implementation.

### *Article 7*

The French Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan shall cooperate closely within the context of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The Parties shall take concerted action to strengthen its institutions, particularly in the legal area, in order to guarantee stability, security and the rule of law on the European continent.

In particular, they shall promote the adoption of principles that will contribute to the prevention of conflicts.

### *Article 8*

The French Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan emphasize the importance of building the European Union, which provides for the implementation of a

common foreign and security policy, will help to strengthen cooperation among European States and will make an essential contribution to the stability of the continent and the entire world.

*Article 9*

The French Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan, emphasizing the decisive contribution made by disarmament agreements to European and international security, shall, within the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, support the process of disarmament, confidence-building, strengthening of security and conflict prevention in the context of the Security Forum.

The Parties attach particular importance to measures intended to avoid the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and shall take concerted action towards that end in international bodies.

*Article 10*

The French Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan shall develop and expand their contacts in the military sphere. To that end, the Parties shall hold regular exchanges of views on their concepts of defence.

They shall promote contacts between their Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Ministries of Defence, and between the General Staffs of the armies of the two States.

*Article 11*

The French Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan shall accord special priority to the development of cooperation between them in the fields of agriculture, energy, mineral resources, industry, transport and telecommunications.

*Article 12*

The French Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan shall develop cooperation in the training of participants in economic and social life.

Each Party shall endeavour to improve the conditions in its territory for the activities of companies of the other Party, in particular in the areas of direct investment and the protection of invested capital.

The Parties shall promote the broadest possible exchange of economic information and shall guarantee businessmen and scientists of the two countries access thereto.

*Article 13*

The French Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan shall, taking into account their mutual interests and in liaison with other States, cooperate within the framework of international economic organizations and financial institutions.

*Article 14*

The French Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan shall promote cooperation between the Parliaments of the two States.

The Parties shall encourage direct ties between towns and regions of the two countries, especially the twinning of towns, in accordance with the provisions of this Treaty.

The Parties shall facilitate cooperation between the political, social and trade union organizations of the two countries.

#### *Article 15*

The French Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan shall strengthen their cooperation in the fields of education, culture, science, technology and training.

The principles of cultural, scientific and technological cooperation shall be the subject of an agreement between the Parties.

The Parties shall encourage the creation of cultural establishments in the two countries.

Each Party shall endeavour to raise awareness among its people of the scientific, technological and cultural achievements of the other Party, and, to that end, shall, *inter alia*, facilitate the dissemination of the other Party's books and publications.

The Parties shall endeavour to give all those interested an opportunity to study the language, culture, literature and history of the other Party.

In order to ensure greater understanding between the peoples of the French Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Parties shall develop their cooperation with regard to the mass media.

The Parties shall encourage contacts between nationals of the two States, particularly between French and Uzbek youth.

They shall also encourage cooperation in the fields of sports and tourism.

The Parties shall draw up on a regular basis joint programmes setting the priorities for their cooperation and exchanges in the fields of culture, science and technology and defining the practical modalities for their implementation with the participation of the competent administrations of the two countries.

#### *Article 16*

The French Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan, aware of the importance of environmental protection, shall cooperate closely in that field and undertake to promote the development of concerted action at the European and international levels.

#### *Article 17*

The French Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan shall establish and develop their cooperation in the consular field.

The Parties shall establish appropriate conditions to facilitate the movement of their nationals between the two States.

#### *Article 18*

The French Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan shall promote cooperation between the judicial institutions of the two States, particularly in the area of mutual assistance in civil matters.

The Parties shall organize cooperation between agencies responsible for public security, particularly within Interpol, to combat organized crime, illicit drug traf-

ficking and smuggling, including illicit trafficking in works of art. They shall endeavour to establish appropriate cooperation to combat international terrorism.

*Article 19*

The provisions of this Treaty shall in no way affect the obligations entered into by the Parties with regard to third States and are not directed against any such State.

*Article 20*

This Treaty shall be subject to ratification and shall enter into force thirty days after the exchange of the instruments of ratification.

This Treaty is concluded for a period of ten years. It shall be automatically extended for successive five-year periods. Either Party may denounce this Treaty at any time by sending written notification thereof to the other Party through the diplomatic channel. The denunciation shall take effect six months after the date of receipt of such notification.

DONE at Paris on 27 October 1993, in duplicate, each in the French and Uzbek languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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