

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE SLOVAK OFFICE OF STANDARDS, METROLOGY AND
TESTING
AND
THE UZBEK AGENCY FOR TECHNICAL REGULATION UNDER
THE CABINET OF MINISTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF
UZBEKISTAN
ON COOPERATION
IN THE FIELDS OF STANDARDIZATION, METROLOGY,
CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION OF
CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES**

The Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing and the Uzbek Agency for Technical Regulation under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to singularly as a “Participant” and collectively as “Participants”);

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT of friendship between the Slovak Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan, seeking to expand collaboration between the Participants in the field of standardization, metrology and conformity assessment, accreditation of conformity assessment bodies,

DESIRING to promote economic competition and the development of a quality infrastructure policy,

CONSIDERING the obligations of the Slovak Republic, arising out of participation in the European Union,

AIMING to encourage the process of international cooperation in the fields of standardization, metrology, conformity assessment and accreditation of conformity assessment bodies,

AIMING at the creation of favourable provisions for the development of bilateral relations,

based on principles of equality and mutual benefit,
have reached the following understanding:

**SECTION 1
OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter “MoU”) is to express the willingness of Participants to establish cooperation

in the fields of standardization, metrology, conformity assessment and accreditation of conformity assessment bodies as well as to describe the mutual goals and responsibilities concerning further collaboration. The Participants will ensure that an effective mechanism for technical cooperation, communication and information exchange is established between the Participants. Specific activities under this MoU will be identified through consultation between the Participants.

SECTION 2 AREAS OF COOPERATION

1. In compliance with respective legislations of the Participants and within the scope of their competence, the Participants will collaborate in the following areas:

a) Cooperation in the creation of standardization, metrology and conformity assessment systems in accordance with the internationally recognized principles;

b) Cooperation within various international organizations in respective fields and provision of mutual support within these organizations, for example the International Standards Organization, i.e. ISO;

c) Organization of joint events for enhancing collaboration and knowledge exchange, for example scientific-technical projects, seminars, conferences;

d) Scientific and technical cooperation in the field of national quality infrastructure, including standardization, metrology, conformity assessment and accreditation of conformity assessment bodies;

e) Identification of opportunities and mutual cooperation with respect to the Participants national standardization strategies and processes;

f) Encouragement of laboratories of the Participants to participate in international or inter-laboratory comparisons to expand calibration and measurement capabilities in the field of metrology;

g) Promotion the participation of accredited laboratories in proficiency testing programs or, where appropriate, interlaboratory benchmarking;

h) Encouragement of mutual recognition where applies of test results in the light of international rights and obligations of the Participants;

i) Establishment of a working group operating in the fields of mutual interest;

j) Exchange of information via paper or electronic carriers in the relevant fields;

k) Exchange of information on legislation, including information on standardization, metrology, conformity assessment and accreditation of conformity assessment bodies;

l) Exchange of technical information, reference data, materials and publications;

m) Exchange of specialists for training and improvement of personnel under pre-agreed conditions and for conducting consultations;

n) Exchange of knowledge and information in the field of conformity assessment;

o) Exchange, where appropriate, information on applicable legislation, accreditation scheme and Participant management system documents relevant to conformity assessment activities.

2. Through working group, the Participants may develop cooperation in the following areas of mutual interest related to standardization, metrology, conformity assessment and accreditation of conformity assessment bodies:

a) Elimination of unnecessary obstacles related to standardization, metrology, conformity assessment and accreditation of conformity assessment bodies procedures in trade;

b) The Participants shall nominate their representatives in order to discuss and decide upon matters of common interest;

3. The exchange of information will be conducted in English through post, email, or during scheduled meetings of the Participants. The meetings might be in person or virtual.

SECTION 3 CONFIDENTIALITY

1. The Participants may withhold information from each other in case communication of particular information is prohibited by respective national legislations, especially those governing the protection of personal data and confidential information (e.g., business secrets, bank secrets, etc.) or is otherwise incompatible with the Participants' interests.

2. Unless the Participant transmitting the information specifies otherwise, any information transmitted by the other Participant under this MoU will be maintained strictly confidential.

3. Disclosure of information received within the framework of this MoU to any third party is prohibited unless the Participants approve otherwise. If the preservation of the confidential nature of the transmitted information requires special provisions under the national legislation

to be met, the transmitting Participant should notify the receiving Participant about this.

SECTION 4 SOURCE OF FUNDING

1. Cooperative activities under this MoU will be subject to and dependent upon the availability of funds and personnel of both Participants.

2. The Participants shall bear the costs related to any activity arising from MoU unless financial arrangements are not negotiated on a case-by-case basis in written form. The Participants will jointly decide before the commencement of the activity about the terms of financing.

SECTION 5 AMENDMENT

Amendments and additions may be added to this MoU based on the mutual written consent of the Participants, formalized in the form of Protocols, which are an integral part of MoU and come into effect by the same legal procedure provided in Section 9 of this MoU.

SECTION 6 CONTACT POINT

The Participants will exchange the names and contact details of the persons assigned for the implementation of this MoU. They will notify each other in case of any changes regarding the contact persons.

SECTION 7 DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

This MoU is not an international treaty and does not create rights and obligations regulated by international law. Any disputes arising from the interpretation and implementation of this MoU will be settled through mutual consultation and negotiation between the Participants.

SECTION 8 LEGAL EFFECT

This MoU is concluded to enhance and develop cooperation between the Participants and is not binding upon the Participants within the framework of international law.

**SECTION 9
ENTRY INTO EFFECT AND TERMINATION**

1. This MoU will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. Thereafter, it will be automatically renewed for successive five (5) years unless amended or terminated.

2. This MoU may be terminated at any time by either Participant by submitting a written notification at least six (6) months in advance to the other Participant.

Signed in Tashkent on 2 of June, 2025, in two original copies, each in the Slovak, Uzbek and English languages, all texts being equally valid. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text will prevail.

**For the Slovak Office of
Standards, Metrology and
Testing**

**For the Uzbek Agency for
Technical Regulation under the
Cabinet of Ministers of the
Republic of Uzbekistan**