

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**between
the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan and
the World Customs Organization*
regarding
the establishment of a World Customs Organization Regional
Dog Training Centre
in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan**

The State Customs Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan hereinafter referred to as the SCC RUz and the World Customs Organization, hereinafter referred to as the WCO:

ACKNOWLEDGING the enormous challenges facing Customs administrations due to increasing volumes of trade, globalization of trade, and regional integration;

ACKNOWLEDGING that changing trading patterns, the need for more facilitation of trade and the requirement to produce more with limited resources calls for enhanced cooperation among Customs administrations and with the WCO;

RECOGNIZING that the dissemination of information, training and technical assistance are indispensable for the uniform implementation of key Customs-related international conventions, recommendations and other standards;

RECOGNIZING that the WCO provides relevant and meaningful training and technical assistance to its Members;

Have agreed as follows:

* Established in 1952 as the Customs Co-operation Council.

Article 1

The SCC RUz and the WCO will establish a WCO Regional Dog Training Centre in Tashkent, hereinafter referred to as the Dog Training Centre.

The WCO will use the facilities of the Dog Training Centre for the purposes of regional training of dog handling specialists and dogs for searching narcotic substances, explosives and arms. It will also use the facilities of the Dog Training Centre for technical assistance meetings in the field of the fight against drug trafficking, and for other related events.

Article 2

In order to achieve the objectives laid down in Article 1, the SCC RUz will make its Dog Training Centre available to the WCO.

Article 3

The SCC RUz will continue to own and run the Dog Training Centre, and use it for its own national and international programmes.

Article 4

1. The Parties will communicate to each other their training plans in order to define the use of the facilities of the Dog Training Centre.
2. The WCO should give advance notice of not less than two months before each planned event, along with the necessary information to confirm the event.
3. Within one month from the date of signing of this Memorandum of Understanding the Parties will designate liaison officers to co-ordinate matters arising from its implementation.

Article 5

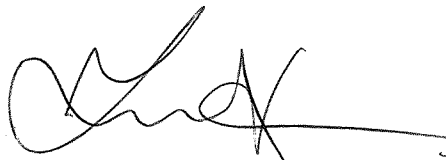
Technical conditions for the use of the Dog Training Centre

The SCC RUz will make available training courts, classrooms together with training aids, meeting rooms, accommodation for students, enclosures for the dogs, special transport means and other service facilities of the Dog Training Centre, for use by the WCO.

Article 6

1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Party at any time, by written notification. This Memorandum of Understanding shall cease to have effect immediately after the receipt of such notification by the other Party.
3. This Memorandum of Understanding can be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties, in writing.

Done in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan on this 3 day of June 2008 in six copies, two in the Uzbek language, two in the English language and two in the Russian language.



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