Agreement

on Establishment of a Joint Intergovernmental Afghan-Kyrgyz Commission on trade and economic cooperation between the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, which hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

desiring to develop and enhance their economic and trade relations based on equal rights and mutual benefits.

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties agreed to establish a Joint Intergovernmental Afghan-Kyrgyz Commission on trade and economic cooperation which hereinafter referred to as "the Commission".

Article 2

The Commission based on principles of equal rights, consists of Afghan and Kyrgyz parts, headed by Chairman. The Parties shall appoint the Chairman, executive secretaries and members of the Commission's respective parts.

Article 3

The Commission shall have the following functions:

- 1. Promote the development of bilateral trade and economic relations between the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Kyrgyz Republic, as well as cooperation in areas of mutual interest,
- 2. Consideration and adoption of appropriate agreements on the main directions of trade-economic, scientific-technical and cultural-humanitarian cooperation taking into account mutual opportunities;
- 3. Promote the establishment of joint ventures, the establishment of direct industrial relations and other forms of mutually beneficial economic cooperation;
- 4. Coordination within its competence, the activities of ministries, agencies and other bodies of central and local executive authorities, organizations and enterprises on bilateral trade and economic cooperation issues;
- 5. Consideration of the issues submitted for the Commission's discussion, and adoption the decisions on them, as well as monitoring the implementation of taken decisions.

Article 4

The Commission shall organize and hold its meetings in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Kyrgyz Republic alternately.

The protocols of the Commission's meetings are prepared in Dari, Russian and English languages, the texts in all three languages being equally authentic. In

cases of any disputes, the English text shall prevail.

In the Commission's meetings topics included in the agenda and other topics raised by the representatives of the Parties shall be discussed between the Parties. Decisions of the Commission are of advisory nature and are included in the Protocol with the consent of the parties, and are signed by Chairman of both parties of the Commission.

Commission's decisions agreed upon by the Parties shall take effect from the date of signing.

Article 5

If necessary, the Commission may establish temporary sub-committee or working group comprised of experts and/or consultants.

Article 6

Expenses of return tickets, food and accommodation shall be covered by the arriving Party. The expenses for organization, holding of meetings, transportation services within the country and protocol related matters are financed by the host Party.

Article 7

Any dispute arising from the interpretation of implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled through consultations held between the Parties.

Article 8

Any changes or amendments may be made to this Agreement by mutual consent, and such changes and amendments shall be made in the form of separate protocols being an integral part of this Agreement and shall enter into force in accordance with the procedures set forth in article 9 of this Agreement.

Article 9

This Agreement shall enter into force after receiving by the Parties of the last written notification through diplomatic channels confirming the completion of their respective internal procedures required for the entry into force of this Agreement.

This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years and shall be automatically extended for another five years, unless either Party through diplomatic channels may terminate this Agreement by giving the other Party six (6) months prior written notice of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

Done at Bishkek on 18 April 2019 equivalent to 1398 01/29 Hijri Shamsi, in two original copies, each in the Dari, Kyrgyz, Russian and English languages, all texts being equally valid. In the case of any divergence of interpretations, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

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For the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic