

**STATEMENT OF INTENT BETWEEN  
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN CONCERNING  
EXPLORATION OF AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST IN ENERGY**

The Department of Energy of the United States of America (DOE) and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan, hereinafter referred to individually as a "Participant" and collectively as the "Participants";

RECOGNIZING their willingness to develop long-term cooperation in energy-related science and technology for the mutual benefit of the Participants, in accordance with the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Science and Technology Cooperation signed December 2, 2010 (hereinafter the "Agreement");

RECOGNIZING the importance of energy security and development of energy resources to both countries; and

NOTING that planned cooperative activities between the Participants aim to strengthen friendly relations between the Participants and the development of their respective economies;

State their intention as follows:

**Section 1: Planned Areas of Exploration**

The Participants recognize the importance of, and intend to further strengthen, their exploration of areas of mutual interest related to their increased cooperation on energy issues. Potential areas of cooperation could include, but would not be limited to:

- a) Fossil energy, including coal, conventional and unconventional oil and natural gas;
- b) Civil nuclear energy;
- c) New and renewable sources of energy;
- d) Energy efficiency; and
- e) Other basic energy areas.

The Participants intend to hold periodic bilateral consultations and meetings, and intend to develop an implementing document within the framework of the Agreement to carry out future cooperative activities in the potential areas of cooperation identified in this Statement.

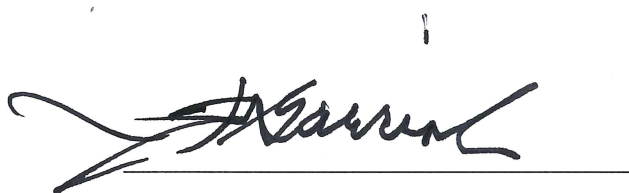
**Section 2: General Considerations**

1. This Statement is effective upon the date it is signed by the last of the Participants. A Participant who desires to discontinue this Statement should endeavor to provide written notice to the other Participant ninety (90) days in advance of the date of the discontinuation.
2. This Statement may be modified at any time upon mutual written consent of the Participants.

3. The conduct of cooperative activities under this Statement is subject to the availability of appropriated funds, technical resources, and personnel.
4. Each Participant is responsible for its cost of participating in the cooperative activities under this Statement, unless specified otherwise in writing by the Participants.
5. This Statement does not create any legally binding rights or obligations between the Participants.

Signed at Washington, in duplicate, this 16th day of May 2018, in the English language, which is an official text. The Participants intend to prepare an Uzbek language text of this Statement of Intent that may be considered equally official upon an exchange of diplomatic notes confirming that the two language texts of the Statement of Intent are in conformity.

**FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA:**

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Theodore J. Garrish  
Assistant Secretary for International Affairs

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN:**

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Alisher Sultanov  
Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan