MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNICATION, INFORMATIZATION AND TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN AND THE MINISTRY OF SECURITY AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF E-GOVERNMENT

The State Committee for Communication, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Security and Public Administration of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties");

CONSIDERING relations of friendship and strategic partnership between the Republic of Korea and the Republic of Uzbekistan,

BEARING IN MIND the achievements and best practices of the Republic of Korea in the area of e-Government, and endeavors of the Republic of Uzbekistan in implementing Information Technologies developments,

DESIRING to strengthen strategic partnership in the area of e-Government,

Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1. General Objective

The Objective of this Memorandum (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") is to expand cooperation in the area of implementation and development of e-Government system in the Republic of Uzbekistan by using extensive experiences and best practices of the Republic of Korea and realization of joint projects between the Parties.

Article 2. Scope of Cooperation

The Parties will continue the cooperation under this MOU in the following areas:

- a. Coordination in strategic planning of e-Government system development;
- b. Implementation of information systems, information resources and databases in various sectors of economy and social sphere, including e-learning, e-health, e-tax, e-customs, etc.;
- c. Creation of up-to-date Data Centers for forming of public information resources and systems;
- d. Educating and training of personnel, holding joint scientific researches, scientific and practical conferences and seminars in the area of e-Government;
- e. Other areas of mutual interest in e-Government.

Article 3. Implementation

With the aim of implementation of this MOU, the Uzbekistan-Korea e-Government Cooperative Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") shall be set up which will carry out coordination of fulfillment of agreements, reached by this MOU.

The Committee shall be composed of co-chairmen from the Parties (Vice-Minister level) and representatives designated from both Parties. The Committee will hold its meetings as necessary alternately in Korea and Uzbekistan at least once a year. Agenda of the Committee meetings will be agreed by the Parties prior to each meeting.

Article 4. Funding

All cooperation under this MOU will be subject to the availability of financial and other resources of both Parties, as well as possibility of financing from international financial institutions. Procedure of financing of joint projects is determined by the Parties.

Article 5. Responsible Units

Responsible units for the implementation of this MOU are:

 From the State Committee for Communication, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan: ICT Development Strategy Planning Department; From the Ministry of Security and Public Administration of the Republic of Korea: E-Government Bureau.

In case of any changes relating to the responsible units, each of the Parties shall timely notify the other Party in writing.

Article 6. Release of Information

The Parties confirm that neither Party shall disclose nor disseminate any information to any third country party given by the other side in the process of cooperative activities under this MOU, except as and to the extent authorized in writing to do so by the other Party. In case of termination of this MOU, provisions of this article will continue to effect.

Article 7. Correspondence

Correspondence and exchange of information between the Parties related to the implementation of this MOU will be carried out in English.

Article 8. Dispute Settlement

Disagreements concerning the interpretations of the present MOU under the reached arrangements will be solved on the basis of friendly consultations.

Article 9. Amendments

By mutual consent of the Parties, amendments and additions to this MOU may be reviewed by separate proceedings that will come into effect on such date as may be jointly determined by the Parties and will form an integral part of this MOU.

Article 10. Entry into Force and Termination

This MOU will come into effect from the date of its signing and will remain in force for a period of three (3) years. If either Party will not notify in written form the other Party about its intention to terminate this MOU at least three (3) months before the end of each period, term of this MOU will be automatically extended for further one-year periods.

Termination of this MOU will not affect any joint programs or projects that are already in progress and not yet completed at the time of its termination, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

Signed in duplicate at Seoul on 19th of December 2013, in the English language.

For the State Committee for Communication, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan For the Ministry of Security and Public Administration of the Republic of Korea

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