ARRANGEMENT

ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION INCLUDING WASTE MANAGEMENT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF JAPAN AND

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

The Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MOEJ) and National Committee on Ecology and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to respectively as "Side" and collectively as "Sides"),

CONSIDERING the importance of the cooperation on environmental protection, sustainable development and climate change;

CONFIRMING the need to promote and facilitate the implementation of cooperation based on the Memorandum of Cooperation in the field of Environmental Protections (MoC) signed on 23 December 2022;

DESIRING to strengthen the existing friendly relationship between both sides through the implementation of cooperation based on MoC; and

RECOGNISING that this Arrangement will promote the implementation;

HAVE REACHED the following common recognitions:

- 1. The Sides will promote and facilitate the implementation of the following areas of cooperation;
 - a) Exchange information on policies, regulations, technologies and best practices related to climate change, air pollution, water pollution, and waste management, from collection to disposal, including through a policy dialogue;
 - b) Explore further mutual collaboration of both air pollution improvement and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reduction;
 - c) Enhance the public-private collaboration for addressing environmental issues such as climate change, air pollution, water pollution and waste management; and

- d) Strengthen capacity building for the development of high integrity carbon markets (including through activities under the Paris Agreement Article 6 Implementation Partnership).
- 2. This Arrangement is not legally binding and does not create any legal rights and obligations. Contents of this Arrangement will not affect any legal rights and obligations of the Sides under international law.
- 3. The cooperation under this Arrangement will be implemented within the respective resources of the both Sides. This Arrangement does not impose any financial or legal obligations on the Sides.
- 4. Any differences that may arise between the Sides relating to the implementation of this Arrangement will be resolved through consultation and negotiation between the Sides.
- 5. The cooperation under this Arrangement will commence on the date of its signature by the representatives of both Sides and continue for the duration of MoC. Either Side may discontinue the cooperation under this Arrangement at any time by giving written notification 6(six) months prior to the intended date of the discontinuation to the other Side.

Signed at Japan and the Republic of Uzbekistan on XX December 2025, in duplicate in English languages

For the Ministry of the Environment of Japan

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