

RULES OF PROCEDURE
of the
EU-Uzbekistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee

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Article 1

The EU-Uzbekistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee is established pursuant to Articles 83 and 84 of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement concluded between the EU and Uzbekistan, signed on 21 June 1996.

Article 2

The task of the EU-Uzbekistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee is to examine all aspects of relations between the EU and Uzbekistan and, in particular, to monitor the implementation of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.

Article 3

The EU-Uzbekistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall be composed of a fixed number of members appointed by the European Parliament and the Uzbek Parliament.

The term of office of the members shall be determined in accordance with the respective rules and practices of the European Parliament and the Uzbek Parliament.

Article 4

The Bureau of the EU-Uzbekistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall be composed of the chairman of the European Parliament delegation, the chairman of the delegation from the Uzbek Parliament (hereafter referred to as the co-chairmen) and two vice-chairmen from each delegation.

The committee shall be chaired alternately by the chairman of the European Parliament delegation and the chairman of the delegation from the Uzbek Parliament. The chairman-in-office shall be replaced, where necessary, by the first or second vice-chairman of his delegation.

Article 5

On a proposal from the Bureau of the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, recommendations may be addressed to the Cooperation Council, the competent committee of the European Parliament and the Uzbek Parliament or its competent committees.

The recommendations shall be deemed to have been adopted if they secure the support of a majority of the members of the European Parliament delegation and of the delegation of the Uzbek Parliament.

Article 6

The EU-Uzbekistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall normally meet once a year, alternately in one of the European Parliament's places of work and in Uzbekistan.

The draft agenda, drawn up by the co-chairmen, shall be sent to members two weeks before the meeting.

Meetings shall be held in public, unless the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee decides otherwise.

Article 7

The members of the Cooperation Council, the Council of the European Union and the members of the Commission may attend meetings and speak. Other persons may be invited to attend meetings by the co-chairmen.

Article 8

The secretariat of the EU-Uzbekistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall be provided jointly by the Secretariat of the European Parliament, in collaboration with staff appointed by the Uzbek Parliament.

Minutes of each meeting of the EU-Uzbekistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee shall be submitted for approval at the start of the following meeting.

Article 9

During meetings of the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee members may speak in one of the official languages of the European Union, in Uzbek or in Russian. Translation and interpretation services shall be provided on the basis of the decisions of the Bureau of the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, in accordance with the internal rules of the European Parliament and the Uzbek Parliament.

Article 10

The travel expenses and allowances of members of the committee and their assistants shall be borne by the Parliament which has appointed them.

Other costs arising from the meetings and activities of the committee shall be shared between the European Parliament and the Uzbek Parliament.

Article 11

Modifications to these rules of procedure, proposed by the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, shall be submitted to the Bureau of the European Parliament and the Kengash of the Uzbek Parliament.