

Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan On Social Partnership

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Chapter 1. General Provisions

Article 1. The purpose of the present Law

The purpose of the present Law is to regulate relations in the field of social partnership.

Article 2. Legislation on social partnership

The legislation on social partnership shall include the present Law and other legal acts.

In the event when an international covenant of the Republic of Uzbekistan stipulates provisions which run counter to the ones provided by the legislation on social partnership of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the provisions of the international treaty shall prevail.

Article 3. Social partnership and its subjects

Social partnership is an interaction between government agencies and non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions in elaboration, implementation and execution of the programs of socioeconomic development of the country, including sectoral and region-specific projects, as well as regulatory legal acts and decrees that may relate to the rights and legitimate interests of citizens.

Subjects of social partnership shall include government agencies, non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions.

Article 4. Underlying principles of social partnership

The underlying principles of social partnership shall include:

lawfulness;

equality;

openness and transparency;

accessibility;

independence;

objectivity, mutual respect, consideration of interests, and due process;

voluntary assumption of responsibility.

Article 5. Spheres of social partnership

Social partnership can be implemented in the following spheres:

social protection, support and enhancement of social activities of the population;

ensuring the employment of the population, development of small businesses and private enterprise, and farming;

environmental protection, population-focused health care, and establishment of healthy lifestyle;

upbringing of a harmoniously developed and healthy young generation, general education, spiritual and moral education, and career guidance for young people;

mother and child protection, women's rights protection, ensuring participation of women in the social and political, socioeconomic and cultural life of the country, raising healthy families;

development of science, education, informatization, culture, and sports;

enhancement of legal knowledge, legal awareness and legal culture of the population, strengthening fundamentals of civil society and a democratic state based on the Rule of Law;

consolidation of ideas of interethnic concord, cross-cultural and civil accord, revival and preservation of centuries-old, traditional spiritual, moral, historical and cultural values;

consumer rights protection.

Social partnership can be also implemented in other spheres in compliance with the effective legislation.

Chapter 2. Basic forms of social partnership and their implementation procedure

Article 6. Basic forms of social partnership

The basic forms of social partnership are as follows:

participation of non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions in elaborating and implementing socioeconomic development programs;

participation of non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions in drafting and executing regulatory legal acts;

participation of representatives of non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions in the activities of the working groups, commissions and public advisory bodies under the governmental agencies;

holding joint events, consultations and negotiations by the subjects of social partnership;

conclusion by the subjects of social partnership of agreements and contracts on social partnership (hereinafter referred to as the "agreements and contracts"), development and implementation of joint projects and plans;

rendering mutual support, exchange of information between the subjects of

social partnership.

Article 7. Participation of non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions in elaboration, implementation and execution of the socioeconomic development programs and regulatory legal acts

Government agencies can involve non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions, with their consent, in elaboration, implementation and execution of the socioeconomic development programs and regulatory legal acts.

When elaborating, implementing and executing the socioeconomic development programs and regulatory legal acts, the government agencies shall collect proposals from stakeholders among non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions.

Elaboration, implementation and execution of the socioeconomic development programs and regulatory legal acts can be provided by the working groups, commissions and public advisory bodies under the governmental agencies, with the involvement of non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions.

Non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions shall have the right to:

participate, by way of advancing initiatives on elaborating draft socioeconomic development programs and regulatory legal acts, in the preparation of relevant proposals and drafts, as well as by way of submitting those to the authorized government agencies for their consideration;

participate in public evaluation of draft socioeconomic development programs and regulatory legal acts; initiation (in coordination with the drafters) of their public discussion; formulate, collect and generalize draft-related proposals; submit said proposals to the authorized government agencies for their consideration;

participate in the submission of proposals to the government agencies pertaining to planning and carrying out various events, designing and implementing projects aimed at pursuing goals defined in the socioeconomic development programs, as well as in making suggestions related to the compliance with regulatory legal acts;

participate in the public monitoring of the progress of implementing the socioeconomic development programs and of the compliance with regulatory legal acts; participate in formulating proposals based on the monitoring results, and in the submission of said proposals to the authorized government agencies.

The government agencies shall be obliged to consider the initiatives and proposals of non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions.

Article 8. Participation of representatives of the non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions in the activities of the working groups, commissions and public advisory bodies under the governmental agencies

Representatives of the non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions shall have the right to participate, in accordance with the established procedure, in the activities of the working groups, commissions and public advisory bodies under the governmental agencies with a view to coordinating and ensuring implementation of the socioeconomic development programs and execution of the regulatory legal acts, as well as resolving other issues of social and public significance.

Non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions shall have the right to:

develop draft socioeconomic development programs and regulatory legal acts, as well as the relevant proposals, and submit those to be considered at the meetings of the working groups, commissions and public advisory bodies under the governmental agencies;

address the working groups, commissions and public advisory bodies under the governmental agencies with proposals pertaining to the scope of issues falling under their competence including development and implementation of relevant measures aimed at resolving these issues;

address, pursuant to the obtained approval, meetings of the working groups, commissions and public advisory bodies under the governmental agencies, on the issues falling under their competence.

Article 9. Holding joint events, consultations and negotiations by the social partnership entities

The subjects of social partnership may hold/conduct:

joint events in the form of conferences, round tables, seminars, public discussions, khashars, festivals, sociological polls, and in other forms;

consultations and negotiations aimed at concluding agreements and contracts, development and implementation of joint projects and plans, planning/carrying out joint events.

Consultations and negotiations shall be conducted by way of organizing joint meetings and public discussions, requesting the opinions of representatives of the non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions, setting up working groups, commissions and public advisory bodies under the governmental agencies and with their participation.

Article 10. Conclusion by the subjects of social partnership of agreements and contracts; development and implementation of joint projects and plans

The subjects of social partnership may conclude agreements and contracts, develop and implement joint projects and plans.

Agreements shall mean undertaking mutual obligations by the parties, within the bounds of which they identify objectives and tasks, directions of joint activities, and specify the forms of implementation of social partnership.

Contracts may provide for execution of works or rendering of services, as well as implementation of projects of social and public significance with a material support (including the financial one) on the part of a social partnership entity. The contractual relations shall be regulated by the Civil Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the contract.

Joint projects and plans shall determine the package of measures aimed at implementing agreements and contracts, socioeconomic development programs, resolving humanitarian problems, protecting rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of various strata of the population.

Article 11. Rendering mutual support, exchange of information between the subjects of social partnership

The subjects of social partnership, within the limits of their authority, shall render mutual education-and-methodological, information, consultative, and organizational support.

The subjects of social partnership shall provide each other with all of the available and information in regard of their relations, pursuant to relevant written requests.

An answer to a written request must be given in the shortest possible time, but no later than fifteen days after the date of receipt of the request, unless otherwise specified in the legislation.

The subjects of social partnership may not provide information that contains State secrets or some other classified information protected by law.

Chapter 3. Government Support for Social Partnership

Article 12. Types of government support provided for social partnership

The types of government support provided for social partnership are as follows:

Property-related, information, consultative, organizational and education-and-methodological support for non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions;

granting exemption from taxes and other mandatory payments to legal entities and natural persons that provide material support for non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions;

providing non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions with government subsidies, grants and social service procurement, as well as financing socially beneficial projects.

Article 13. Providing property support

Non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions operating in the sphere of social partnership can be provided with the government-

owned property for temporary use, either free of charge or on favorable terms, on contractual basis and in accordance with the procedure established by the effective legislation.

Any government-owned property provided to non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions for temporary use must only be utilized for the designated purpose.

Article 14. Providing information, consultative, organizational and education-and-methodological support

Information, consultative, organizational and education-and-methodological support shall be provided to non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions operating in the sphere of social partnership in the following ways:

creating conditions for a free access to information in the sphere of social partnership;

drawing up and publishing methodological materials on the issues of participation of non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions in the implementation of social partnership;

setting up training courses and holding educational theme-oriented events, methodological consultations, research-to-practice workshops and conferences dedicated to the topical issues of the development of social partnership;

rendering assistance in the arrangement of events in the sphere of social partnership.

Article 15. Establishing Public Fund for supporting non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions under the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan

In order to promote further development of democratic transformations in the country with the participation of non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions therein, the Public Fund for supporting non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions is being established under the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as "the Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis").

The Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis shall:

accumulate funds received from the Government budget of the Republic of Uzbekistan and other sources that are not forbidden by law, organize their allocation for implementation of the programs aimed at encouraging the development and support of the activities of non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions, their participation in addressing social, economic and humanitarian problems;

allocate monetary resources to the public funds for supporting non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions under

the Jokargi Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the Kengashes of people's deputies of provinces and the city of Tashkent for their further distribution for supporting non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions;

contribute to the implementation of projects and programs associated with consolidation of the material and technological base of non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions, and providing them with legal, consultative, organizational, technical and other type of assistance.

Article 16. Parliamentary Commission for management of the assets of the Public Fund for supporting non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions under the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The Parliamentary Commission for management of the assets of the Public Fund for supporting non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions under the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as "the Parliamentary Commission") shall be set up with a view to promoting the development and participation of non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions in the implementation of democratic transformations and liberalization of the society in Uzbekistan.

The Parliamentary Commission shall be formed from among the deputies of the Legislative Chamber, members of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, representatives of the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Finance, non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions, and shall be composed of chairman, vice-chairman, executive secretary, and members of the commission.

The Parliamentary Commission shall:

organize allocation of the monetary resources of the Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis for the support of non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions; draft programs of financing the programs and projects of social and public significance, aimed at resolving specific socioeconomic issues and further enhancing citizens' social activities, as based on consideration of the proposals put forth by non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions as well as the government agencies;

ensure openness and transparency of the process of allocating the monetary resources of the Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis, involve public at large in the discussion of the issues pertaining to the development and enhancement of efficiency of the activities of non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions, their participation in the implementation of the socioeconomic and public and political reforms underway, and guaranteeing protection of the democratic values, human rights, freedoms and legitimate interests;

determine and allocate, on the basis of the requests submitted by the public commissions on social partnership (hereinafter referred to as "the public commissions"), financial resources for supporting non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions at the local level, as well as ensure

methodological guidance for the activities of the above commissions;

exercise control over (carry out monitoring of) the proper and efficient use of the financial resources of the Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis, as well as the Public Fund-financed projects and programs; hear, during its meetings, the reports of the local-level non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions, and the local government authorities on the progress and results of implementation of the financed projects and programs; formulate and provide relevant recommendations on further development of social partnership;

contribute to deepening of cooperation between the non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions and the government agencies in the field of implementation of the priority programs and projects of social and public significance, as well as to the processes of enhancing the role of non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions in the democratization of public life;

render assistance to the government agencies in organizing public discussion and public evaluation of socioeconomic development programs and draft regulatory legal acts, carry out systematic work on raising the population's awareness of the essence and meaning of the democratic transformations taking place in the country;

make decisions on the issues under consideration, which are related to the sphere of social partnership, and monitor their implementation;

present annually a progress report to the Legislative Chamber and the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan at their meetings;

inform the public about their activities.

The Parliamentary Commission shall perform the functions of the board of trustees of the Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis.

The Parliamentary Commission may also exercise other powers in compliance with the effective legislation.

The procedure of organizing the activities of the Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis and the Parliamentary Commission shall be established by the chambers of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 17. Public Funds for supporting non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions under the Jokargi Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the Kengashes of people's deputies of provinces and the city of Tashkent

With a view to developing initiatives and strengthening the role of non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions, as well as encouraging them to take part in addressing the issues of social and public significance, the Jokargi Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the Kengashes of people's deputies of provinces and the city of Tashkent shall set up regional public funds.

The public funds for supporting non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions under the Jokargi Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the Kengashes of people's deputies of provinces and the city of

Tashkent shall:

accumulate resources received from the local budget and the Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis, charitable donations from legal entities and natural persons, other funds that are not forbidden by the legislation;

organize the use of the accumulated funds for supporting the activities of non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions, and their participation in addressing the issues of social and public significance;

contribute to the elaboration and implementation of the socioeconomic development programs, resolution of humanitarian problems, and protection of the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of citizens.

Article 18. Public commissions on coordinating the matters related to the sphere of social partnership under the Jokargi Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the Kengashes of people's deputies of provinces and the city of Tashkent

Public commissions shall be formed from among the deputies of the Jokargi Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the Kengashes of people's deputies of provinces and the city of Tashkent, representatives of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the khokimiyats of provinces and the city of Tashkent, the agencies of justice and finance, as well as other government agencies, non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions, and shall consist of the chairman, vice-chairman, executive secretary, and members of the commissions.

Public commissions shall:

contribute to deepening of cooperation between the non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions and the local government authorities on the implementation of the programs and projects of social and public significance, as well as identify the priority areas of social partnership, based on the examination of their proposals;

formulate recommendations on supporting the programs and projects of social and public significance, developed by non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions and aimed at addressing public and socioeconomic challenges at the local level, as well as on identifying the amount of funds required for their implementation, and submit the corresponding requests to the Parliamentary Commission;

organize efficient allocation of the monetary funds of the public funds for supporting non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions under the Jokargi Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the Kengashes of people's deputies of provinces and the city of Tashkent, as well as monitor their targeted use;

hear, during their meetings, the reports of the local-level non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions, and local government authorities on the progress and results of implementation of the financed projects and programs; formulate and provide relevant recommendations on further development of social partnership;

render assistance to the government agencies in organizing public discussion and public evaluation of socioeconomic development programs and draft regulatory legal acts, carry out systematic work on raising the population's awareness of the essence and meaning of the democratic transformations taking place in the country;

carry out monitoring and ongoing comprehensive assessment of the state of social partnership in addressing the issues of public and socioeconomic development within the respective territory, and, if necessary, develop specific actions to improve the activities in this area;

organize and hold consultations and negotiations between the subjects of social partnership, aimed at accommodating the interests and identifying the priority areas for joint activities, contribute to the conclusion of agreements and contracts between them, and monitor their implementation;

make decisions on the issues under consideration, which are related to the sphere of social partnership, and monitor their implementation;

inform the public about their activities.

Public commissions shall perform the functions of the boards of trustees of the public funds for supporting non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions under the Jokargi Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the Kengashes of people's deputies of provinces and the city of Tashkent.

Public commissions may also exercise other powers in compliance with the effective legislation.

Public commissions shall carry out their activities in accordance with the Rules and Procedures to be approved by, respectively, the Jokargi Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the Kengashes of people's deputies of provinces and the city of Tashkent.

The model rules and procedures of a public commission shall be approved by the Parliamentary Commission.

Organizational and technical support for the activities of public commissions shall be provided by the local government authorities.

Article 19. Government subsidy and its allocation procedure

A government subsidy is a financial or other material assistance provided at the expense of the Government budget of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the government trust funds for supporting non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions that carry out important social and public activities, and which assistance is not associated with any specific project.

Government subsidies shall be used exclusively for pursuing the statutory goals and objectives of non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions, consolidation of their technological and material base, and achievement of the socially useful objectives.

In order to receive a government subsidy, non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions shall submit their requests to the Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis.

The Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis shall summarize the requests of non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions, prepare

proposals regarding the amount of subsidies and submit these proposals to the Parliamentary Commission.

Upon reviewing the documents submitted by the Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis, the Parliamentary Commission shall pass a decision, according to the established procedure, on appropriateness of subsidies and their amounts.

Upon approval of the Government Budget of the Republic of Uzbekistan for the next fiscal year, the Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis shall submit the proposal on the distribution of government subsidies to the Parliamentary Commission.

After receiving proposals from the Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis, the Parliamentary Commission shall determine the amounts of the government subsidies to be allocated to non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions.

The procedure of and the requirements for allocation of the government subsidies shall be established by the Parliamentary Commission.

The legislation may provide for another procedure of allocating government subsidies for individual non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions.

Article 20. Government grants and the allocation procedure

A government grant shall be construed as monetary and other material resources provided at the expense of the Government budget of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the public funds' resources to non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions, on a competitive basis and pursuant to their requests, for implementing projects targeted at achieving socially beneficial objectives.

Government grants shall be allocated from the Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis, and from other foundations for supporting non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions under the Jokargi Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the Kengashes of people's deputies of provinces and the city of Tashkent.

For the purpose of distributing a government grant, the Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis, the public funds for supporting non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions under the Jokargi Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the Kengashes of people's deputies of provinces and the city of Tashkent shall organize tender procedures of awarding grants.

The right to take part in grant competitions shall be given to those non-governmental not-for-profit organizations and other civil society institutions, which present projects aimed at achieving socially beneficial objectives.

Selection of the projects presented for grant competitions and determination of the awards shall be provided by the Parliamentary Commission and the public commissions.

When issuing a government grant, a grant allocation agreement shall be concluded between the grant-maker and the grantee.

The procedure of and the requirements for allocation of government grants to non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions shall be established by the Parliamentary Commission.

Article 21. Social services procurement and the awarding procedure

Social services procurement is a government assignment for carrying out works or measures related to the implementation of the projects of social and public significance through signing a contract between a government agency and a non-governmental nonprofit organization and other civil society institutions.

Social services procurement contract shall be awarded via the Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis or the public funds for supporting non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions under the Jokargi Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the Kengashes of people's deputies of provinces and the city of Tashkent.

The government agencies shall identify, within the bounds of the social partnership spheres stipulated in the present Law, the priority areas of their activities that require support for non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions, and submit relevant requests for awarding social services procurement contracts for the upcoming fiscal year to the Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis or the public funds for supporting non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions under the Jokargi Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the Kengashes of people's deputies of provinces and the city of Tashkent. The request shall specify the priority areas of activities of the given government agency, and also goals, objectives, terms and conditions of the assignment for fulfilling works or providing services.

The Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis or the public funds for supporting non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions under the Jokargi Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the Kengashes of people's deputies of provinces and the city of Tashkent shall organize a competition for social services procurement contract award, summarize the proposals received from non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions, and submit those to the Parliamentary Commission and the public commissions, respectively.

Upon reviewing the documents submitted, respectively, by the Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis or the public funds for supporting non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions under the Jokargi Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the Kengashes of people's deputies of provinces and the city of Tashkent, the Parliamentary Commission or the public commissions shall make a decision, according to the established procedure, on appropriateness of awarding the social services procurement contracts and on their scopes, publish in the mass media a list of the government customers and the fields of activities deemed as priorities for the government financing.

Non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions shall prepare draft social services procurement contracts and submit them to the Parliamentary Commission and the public commissions, respectively, for their consideration.

When awarding a social services procurement contract, a relevant agreement shall be signed between the government agency, which submitted the request for awarding a social services procurement contract and the non-governmental nonprofit

organization and other civil society institution.

The government agencies may co-finance the draft social services procurement contracts supported by the Parliamentary Commission and the public commissions, using extrabudgetary funds. In this case, the co-financing share must not exceed 20 percent of the total amount of financing.

The procedure of and the requirements for awarding a social services procurement contract shall be established by the Parliamentary Commission.

Article 22. Financing activities in the sphere of social partnership

Activities in the sphere of social partnership shall be financed at the expense of: the resources of the Government Budget of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the government trust funds;

internal funds of the subjects of social partnership;

charitable donations from legal entities and natural persons.

Activities in the sphere of social partnership can be also financed from other sources not forbidden by the effective legislation.

Chapter 4. Rights and Responsibilities of the Subjects of Social Partnership

Article 23. Rights of non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions in the sphere of social partnership

In accordance with their statutes, non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions shall have the right to:

represent and protect the rights and legitimate interests of their members and participants when elaborating and implementing socioeconomic development programs and regulatory legal acts;

advance initiatives on various issues of socioeconomic development, protection of rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of citizens, submit corresponding proposals to the government agencies;

take part in the decision-making process of the government agencies on the matters affecting the rights and legitimate interests of citizens;

request information from government agencies; disseminate information about their activities;

advance initiatives on holding consultations and negotiations in regard of social partnership; put forth proposals on concluding agreements and contracts, participate in the preparation and discussion of draft agreements and contracts;

exercise public oversight over the implementation of socioeconomic development programs and regulatory legal acts, agreements, contracts and other contractual instruments.

Non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions may also enjoy other rights in accordance with the effective legislation.

Article 24. Responsibilities of non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions in the sphere of social partnership

Non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions shall be obliged to ensure:

- openness and transparency of their activities;
- compliance with the commitments under agreements and contracts, programs and projects in the sphere of social partnership;
- consideration of the interests and needs of citizens when carrying out activities within the scope of social partnership;
- targeted use of the funds and property provided within the scope of social partnership.

Non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions may also be vested with other responsibilities in accordance with the effective legislation.

Article 25. Rights of government agencies in the sphere of social partnership

The government agencies engaged in social partnership shall have the right to: involve non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions in the elaboration and implementation of socioeconomic development programs, as well as in the enforcement of regulatory legal acts;

jointly with non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions, set up working groups and commissions; provide for the participation of representatives of the non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions in the activities of the public advisory bodies under the governmental agencies related to the issues within their scope of competence;

hold consultations and negotiations with non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions, aimed at concluding agreements and contracts, developing and implementing joint projects and plans, arranging and holding joint events;

exercise control, in accordance with the effective legislation, over the targeted use of the government monetary funds and other property provided within the scope of social partnership.

The government agencies may also enjoy other rights in accordance with the effective legislation.

Article 26. Responsibilities of government agencies in the field of social partnership

The government agencies shall be obliged to:

identify the priority areas of activities that require support of non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions, among other things, by

way of holding consultations with non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions, in the spheres of social partnership as provided in the present Law;

create necessary conditions for non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions for their participation in social partnership;

consider initiatives and proposals of non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions, including those related to the elaboration of draft socioeconomic development programs and regulatory legal acts;

ensure organization of a public discussion of the progress of elaboration and implementation of the socioeconomic development programs and enforcement of the regulatory legal acts; evaluate proposals of non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions pertaining to enhancing the efficiency of their implementation (enforcement);

provide for preliminary consultations and negotiations with non-governmental nonprofit organizations and other civil society institutions;

ensure fulfillment of the commitments under agreements and contracts, programs and projects in the sphere of social partnership;

publish, on an annual basis, information regarding their activities aimed at supporting the development of social partnership.

The government agencies may be vested with other responsibilities in accordance with the effective legislation.

Chapter 5. Concluding Provisions

Article 27. Settlement of disputes

Disputes in the sphere of social partnership shall be settled in compliance with the procedure established by the legislation.

Article 28. Liability for violation of the legislation on social partnership

Parties guilty of violating the legislation on social partnership shall be liable according to the procedure established by the legislation.

Article 29. Bringing the legislation in compliance with the present Law

The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be instructed to:
bring the resolutions of the Government in compliance with the present Law;
ensure the review and repeal by the Government authorities of their regulatory legal acts running counter the provisions of the present Law.

Article 30. Effective date of the present Law

The present Law shall enter into force three months after the date of its official publication.

**President
of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

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