# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

# Andijan Machine-Building Institute

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#### Karabuk University

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), entered into by Andijan Machine-Building Institute (hereafter referred to individually as "AndMI") and Karabük University (hereafter referred to individually as "hereafter referred to individually as "UNIKA"), and hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" aims to foster cooperation in the fields of science, technology, research, and innovation, rooted in mutual benefit and equality.

Taking into account the desire to develop and maintain mutually friendly relations and cooperation in the field of science, technology, research and innovation, based on the principles of equality and mutual benefit;

Recognizing the need to further strengthen and develop friendly relations and exchange of experience between the Parties;

The Parties hereby agree to the following:

# **Article 1: Objective**

The Parties commit to promoting and deepening cooperation in science, research, technology, and innovation to mutual benefit.

# **Article 2: Forms of Cooperation**

Cooperation under this MOU includes, but is not limited to:

- Facilitating up to 20 annual scientific internships for promising young scientists and researchers from the Andijan Machine-Building Institute at the **Karabük** University:
- Organizing consultative meetings to foster collaboration in securing grants from international bodies;
- Assisting and cooperating in the initiation and realization of joint research projects.

#### **Article 3: Joint Activities**

The Parties will jointly support the organization of forums, seminars, conferences, roundtables, and other events that facilitate the exchange of knowledge and expertise on mutually interesting scientific topics.

## Article 4: Project and Program Implementation

All joint projects and research programs, including their financing, will undergo review and approval through separate agreements within this MOU's framework.

## **Article 5: Confidentiality**

The Parties agree not to disclose scientific and technological information acquired under this MOU to third parties without the other's written consent.

# **Article 6: Implementation Agreements**

To actualize this MOU, the Parties will execute separate agreements detailing the organization and funding of short-term scientific internships for young Uzbek scientists in mutually interested cooperation areas.

#### Article 7: Mutual Interest and Future Collaboration

Acknowledging the collaboration is based on mutual interest, the Parties anticipate further bilateral agreements and treaties to enhance their partnership.

## Article 8: Legal and Financial Obligations

This MOU constitutes a non-binding understanding between the Parties and does not create legal or financial obligations.

#### **Article 9: Dispute Resolution**

Disputes regarding this MOU's interpretation or application will be resolved through amicable negotiations and consultations between the Parties.

#### Article 10: Duration, Renewal, and Termination

This MOU comes into force from the date of its signing and is valid for 5 (five) years. The MOU shall be automatically renewed and extended for the next 5 (five) year unless either Party receives a written notice from the other Party of its intention not to renew the MOU six (6) months prior to the date of termination.

Each of the Parties may terminate this MOU by sending a written notice to the other Party. This MOU expires after 3 (three) months from the date of receipt of such notification.

Termination of this MOU will not affect the implementation of joint projects, programs and other activities initiated during the MOU period, but not completed before the expiration of its term unless the Parties agree otherwise.

#### Execution

Signed and made effective on, 15 May 2024 completed in two copies in English, that shall have an equal legal effect, one copy for each Party.

On behalf of the

Andijan Machine-Building Institute

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Karabük University

On behalf of the

(signature) Prof. Dr. Fatih KIRIŞIK

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