Executive Summary

Through its official communication dated 23 June 2023, the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan announced its intention to establish a UNWTO Thematic Office for Tourism on the Silk Road.

A Thematic Office constitutes an integral part of the Organization in line with the conditions and criteria adopted by the UNWTO General Assembly at its 21st session through resolution 656(XXI).

With its letter dated 8 September 2023, the Government of Uzbekistan confirms that it fully complies with the requirements for the establishment of a UNWTO Thematic Office which were delineated in the legal framework approved by the UNWTO General Assembly at its 24th session (Madrid, Spain) which includes, as an integral part, the conditions set forth in General Assembly resolution 656(XXI).

The Secretariat submits to the Commission for Europe the detailed information on expression of interest received, progress made as well as the legal and operational framework for the establishment of the Regional Offices.

Draft conclusions and recommendations CEU/CR/7 (LXIX)

The Commission for Europe,

Having heard the presentation of Mr. Ahror Validjanov, Director of the Silk Road Office of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, in his capacity as the representative of the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan, regarding the establishment of a UNWTO Thematic Office for Tourism on the Silk Road in Samarkand,

1. Takes note of a proposal of the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the establishment of the UNWTO Thematic Office for Tourism on the Silk Road in Samarkand (Uzbekistan), through an official letter addressed to the UNWTO Secretary-General, dated 8 September 2023;
2. Extends its appreciation to Uzbekistan for this important and timely initiative;
3. Commends the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan for the efforts made to comply with the legal and operational framework for the establishment of the UNWTO Thematic Office in Samarkand;
4. Recommends / does not recommend the proposal of Uzbekistan to host the Thematic Office to be submitted to the 119th session of the Executive Council for endorsement and to the 25th session of the General Assembly for approval;
5. Urges the Secretariat to continue with the pertaining procedures to facilitate the establishment of the UNWTO Thematic Office in Samarkand.
Your Excellency,

I have the honor to inform you that following the previous discussions, Uzbekistan is intending to establish the “Tourism on the Silk Road” UNWTO Thematic Office in Samarkand.

In this regard, we would highly appreciate your kind support in including this topic to the agenda of the 69th meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Europe to be held in Samarkand in October this year. We also hope for your support in reaching positive resolution of the UNWTO Executive Council on this matter.

We believe that the establishment of thematic office in Samarkand will contribute significantly to the tourism development in the region.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Dear Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Minister Aziz Abdukhakimov,
Deputy Head of the Organizational Committee for the 25th UNWTO General Assembly,
Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Your Excellency,

The Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan presents its compliments to the World Tourism Organization and wishes to bring a matter of utmost importance to your attention.

In accordance with our previous discussions, the Government of Uzbekistan wishes to reaffirm its unwavering commitment and preparedness to provide all essential prerequisites for the establishment of the Tourism on the Silk Road UNWTO Thematic Office in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

Building upon my prior communications dated 23 June and 3 August 2023, I wish to reiterate the readiness of the Government of Uzbekistan to fully comply with the stipulated requirements for the establishment of a UNWTO Thematic Office, which were delineated in the legal framework approved by the UNWTO General Assembly at its 24\textsuperscript{th} session (Madrid, Spain), which includes, as an integral part, the conditions set forth in General Assembly Resolution 656(XXI).

We wish to assure you that the Ministry is actively engaged in implementing all necessary measures to guarantee the safety and security of the thematic office and its premises, adhering meticulously to the security standards mandated by the United Nations Department of Safety and Security.

The Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the UNWTO the assurances of its highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Aziz Abdukhakimov
Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan