

**PROTOCOL**  
**between**  
**the Department of Defense of the United States of America**  
**and**  
**the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

On January 23, 2006, talks were held in Tashkent between the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Uzbekistan on matters pertaining to flights by U.S. aircraft over the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

During the talks, the Parties discussed the matters set forth in the diplomatic note No. 03/412 of January 9, 2006, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and in the reply notes No. 0071/06 dated January 25, 2006, and No. 0094/06 dated February 1, 2006, from the U.S. Embassy in Uzbekistan.

In accordance with international practice and its domestic legislation, the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Uzbekistan expressed its desire to resolve issues connected to flights by civil aircraft chartered by the Department of Defense of the United States of America over the territory of Uzbekistan as part of the operations to combat terrorism in Afghanistan.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Department of Defense of the United States of America have agreed as follows:

1. The Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan recognizes that the Department of Defense of the United States of America may carry out flights through the airspace of the Republic of Uzbekistan using civil aircraft chartered by the Department of Defense of the United States of America, and such flights will be subject to applicable fees to the extent consistent with the Convention on International Civil Aviation. The Department of Defense of the United States of America will not conduct flights through the airspace of the Republic of Uzbekistan with USAF aircraft except as specially agreed.

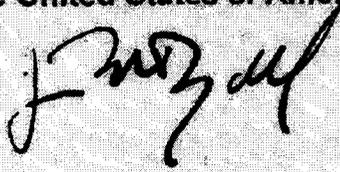
2. The Department of Defense of the United States of America will ensure that operators of civil aircraft chartered by the Department of Defense of the United States of America will, when transporting munitions of war, implements of war, or other dangerous cargoes, inform the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan about the flights at least six days in advance; the Department of Defense of the United States of America will ensure that such aircraft have insurance sufficient to cover losses that may result from its operation.

This Protocol shall enter into force upon signature and remain in force for one year. The Parties may consult regarding the renewal of the Protocol for additional one-year periods. This Protocol may be amended by written agreement of the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Department of Defense of the United States of America, and may be terminated by either Party providing thirty days written notice to the other Party.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Protocol.

DONE at Tashkent, this day of November 14, 2006, in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Department of Defense of  
the United States of America



For the Ministry of Defense of the  
Republic of Uzbekistan

