

**Agreement
on Cooperation in Agriculture between the Governments of the Member
States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization**

The Governments of the Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”),

On the basis of equality and mutual respect, in order to develop and strengthen friendly relations between the peoples of the Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (hereinafter – the “SCO”)

Guided by the provisions of the SCO Charter of June 7, 2002, the Treaty on Long-Term Good-Neighborliness, Friendship and Cooperation of SCO Member States of August 16, 2007, and other SCO documents,

Seeking to strengthen cooperation in the field of agriculture between the SCO Member States,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

In accordance with the national legislation of the SCO Member States, the Parties shall develop cooperation in the following areas of agriculture:

- Arable farming;
- Livestock breeding;
- Beekeeping;
- Veterinary;
- Breeding, seed production and breeding business;
- Land improvement, irrigation and agricultural irrigation;
- Processing and trade in agricultural products;
- Agricultural machinery;
- Agricultural research.

By mutual agreement of the Parties, other areas of cooperation may be added.

Article 2

The areas of cooperation referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement shall be implemented in accordance with the national law of the SCO Member States in the following forms:

- Sharing scientific and innovative achievements in the field of agriculture;
- exchanging advanced machinery and modern agricultural technologies;
- developing and implementing joint investment projects in agriculture;
- participating in the trade fairs held by the Parties in agriculture and innovations;
- developing and introducing innovative technologies in agriculture;
- sharing information on the legislation of the SCO Member States and the standards of biological quality and biological safety of agricultural produce and processed products;
- organizing joint scientific conferences, seminars and round tables on

agriculture;

- organizing research, scientific expeditions, exchange of experts, scientists and technical personnel;
- exchanging seeds and seedlings, animals, breeding material;
- plants protecting and quarantine, developing and using scientific achievements in biological and chemical methods of plant protection;
- detecting, localization and controlling transboundary animal and plant diseases, quarantine and especially dangerous pests;
- supporting agricultural enterprises and related economic structures in establishing direct economic relations;
- training and skills developing for agriculture specialists.

By mutual agreement of the Parties, they may also use other forms of cooperation consistent with national laws of the SCO Member States.

Article 3

In accordance with national legislation and the international treaties the SCO Member States are parties to, the Parties shall ensure protection of the intellectual property rights obtained in the course of implementing this Agreement.

Article 4

In accordance with the national legislation of SCO Member States, the Parties shall cover all costs related to meeting their commitments under this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed between the Parties by way of separate protocols.

Article 5

In order to coordinate cooperation in the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement, the Parties shall establish standing working group of SCO Member States on agriculture.

The standing working group shall be governed by the relevant regulations.

Article 6

In order to implement certain provisions of this Agreement, the Parties shall sign relevant protocols that form an integral part of this Agreement.

Article 7

With the consent of the Parties, this Agreement may be changed and amended by way of separate protocols that form an integral part of this Agreement.

Article 8

This Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties arising from other international treaties their states are parties to.

Article 9

In case of disputes and disagreements relating to the interpretation and application of the provisions of this Agreement, they shall be settled through

consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

Article 10

The Russian and Chinese languages shall be the working languages of cooperation under this Agreement.

Article 11

This Agreement shall be valid for five years and it shall enter into force on the date of the receipt by the Depositary of the last written notification by each of the signatory Parties of the completion of the internal procedures necessary for its entry into force.

This Agreement shall be automatically extended for successive periods of five years, unless the Parties decide otherwise.

Article 12

After the entry of the present Agreement into force, it shall be open for accession by any state that has become a member of the SCO.

For the acceding State, this Agreement shall enter into force in 30 days from the date of the receipt by the Depositary of an instrument of accession.

The Depositary shall notify the Parties of the date of entry of this Agreement into force for the acceding State.

Article 13

Any Party may withdraw from this Agreement by sending through diplomatic channels a written notice to the Depositary within 90 days before the intended date of withdrawal. The Depositary shall notify the other Parties of this intention within 30 days of receipt of the notification of withdrawal.

Termination of this Agreement shall not affect ongoing activities there under, initiated but not completed before its termination, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

Article 14

The Secretariat of the SCO shall be the depositary of this Agreement that will send a certified copy thereof to the Parties within 30 days after the signing of this Agreement.

Done at Tashkent, on June 11, 2010, in a single original, in the Russian and Chinese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

signatures