

CONVENTION

*between the Hellenic Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan
for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to taxes on income and on property.*

*The Government of the Hellenic Republic
and
the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan*

*Desiring to conclude a Convention for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to
taxes on income and on property:*

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1***PERSONAL SCOPE**

This Convention shall apply to persons who are residents of one or both of the Contracting States.

*Article 2***TAXES COVERED**

This Convention shall apply to taxes on income and on property imposed on behalf of a Contracting State or local authorities, irrespective of the manner in which they are levied.

There shall be regarded as taxes on income and on property all taxes imposed on total income, on total property, or on elements of income or of property, including taxes on gains from the alienation of movable or immovable property, as well as taxes on property appreciation.

The existing taxes to which the Convention shall apply are in particular:

- a) *In the case of the Hellenic Republic:*
 - i) *the income and property tax on natural persons;*
 - ii) *the income and property tax on legal persons;*
(hereinafter referred to as «Hellenic tax»).

- b) *In the case of the Republic of Uzbekistan:*
 - i) *the tax on income of enterprises, associations and organisations;*
 - ii) *the income tax on physical persons;*
 - iii) *the property tax;*
(hereinafter referred to as «Uzbekistan tax»).

The Convention shall apply also to any identical or substantially similar taxes which are imposed after the date of signature of the Convention in addition to, or in place of, the existing taxes. The competent authorities of the Contracting States shall notify each other of any substantial changes which have been made in their respective taxation laws.

*Article 3***GENERAL DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this Convention, unless the context otherwise requires:

- a) *the terms: a «Contracting State» and «the other Contracting State» mean the Hellenic Republic or Uzbekistan as the context requires.*
- b) *the term «Hellenic Republic» comprises the territory of the Hellenic Republic and the part of the sea, the sea-bed and its subsoil under the Mediterranean Sea, over which the Hellenic Republic, in accordance with international law, has sovereign rights for the purpose of exploration, extraction or exploitation of the natural resources of such areas.*
- c) *the term «Uzbekistan» means the Republic of Uzbekistan and by the use in the geographical sense includes its territory, the territorial waters and air space over them where the Republic of Uzbekistan may exercise sovereign rights and jurisdiction including rights to use the subsoil and natural resources in accordance with international law and the laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan.*
- d) *the term «person» includes an individual, a company and any other body of persons:*
- e) *the term «company» means any body corporate or any entity which is treated as a body corporate for tax purposes according to the legislation of each Contracting State:*
- f) *The terms «enterprise of a Contracting State» and «enterprise of the other Contracting State» mean respectively an enterprise carried on by a resident of a Contracting State and an enterprise carried on by a resident of the other Contracting State:*
- g) *the term «national» means*
 - a) *any individual possessing the nationality of a Contracting State;*
 - b) *any legal person, partnership or association deriving its status as such from the laws in force in a Contracting State.*
- h) *the term «international traffic» means any transport by a ship or aircraft, except when the ship or aircraft is operated solely between places in a Contracting State:*

- i) *the term «competent authority» means*
 - i) *in the Hellenic Republic, the Minister of Finance or his authorised representative,*
 - ii) *in the Republic of Uzbekistan the State Taxation Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan.*
2. *As regards the application of the Convention by a Contracting State, any term not defined therein shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meaning that it has at that time under the law of that State for the purposes of the taxes to which the Convention applies, any meaning under the applicable tax laws of that State prevailing over a meaning given to the term under other laws of that State.*

Article 4

RESIDENT

1. *For the purposes of this Convention, the term «resident of a Contracting State» means any person who, under the laws of that State, is liable to tax therein by reason of his domicile, residence, place of management or any other criterion of a similar nature, and also includes that State and any local authority thereof. This term, however, does not include any person who is liable to tax in that State in respect only of income from sources in that State or property situated therein.*
2. *Where by reason of the provisions of paragraph 1 an individual is a resident of both Contracting States, then his status shall be determined as follows:*
 - a) *he shall be deemed to be a resident only of the State in which he has a permanent home available to him; if he has a permanent home available to him in both States, he shall be deemed to be a resident of the State with which his personal and economic relations are closer (centre of vital interests);*
 - b) *if the State in which he has his centre of vital interests cannot be determined, or if he has not a permanent home available to him in either State, he shall be deemed to be a resident only of the State in which he has an habitual abode;*
 - c) *if he has an habitual abode in both States, or in neither of them, he shall be deemed to be a resident of the State of which he is a national;*
 - d) *if he is a national of both States, or of neither of them, the competent authorities of the Contracting States shall settle the question by mutual agreement.*

Where by reason of the provisions of paragraph 1 a person other than an individual is a resident of both Contracting States, then it shall be deemed to be a resident of the Contracting State in which its place of effective management is situated.

Article 5

PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT

1. *For the purposes of this Convention, the term «permanent establishment» means a fixed place of business through which the business of an enterprise of a Contracting State is wholly or partly carried on in the other Contracting State.*
2. *The term «permanent establishment» includes especially:*
 - a) *a place of management;*
 - b) *a branch;*
 - c) *an office;*
 - d) *a factory;*
 - e) *a workshop, and*
 - f) *a mine, an oil or gas well, a quarry or any other place of extraction of natural resources.*
3.
 - a) *a building site or construction or installation project constitutes a permanent establishment only if it lasts more than 12 months.*
 - b) *the furnishing of services, including consultancy services, by an enterprise of a Contracting State through employees or other personnel engaged by the enterprise for such purpose constitutes a permanent establishment but only where activities of that nature continue (for the same or a connected project) within the state for a period or periods aggregating more than 12 months within any 24-month period.*
4. *Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this Article, the term «permanent establishment» shall be deemed not to include:*
 - a) *the use of facilities solely for the purpose of storage or display of goods or merchandise belonging to the enterprise;*
 - b) *the maintenance of a stock of goods or merchandise belonging to the enterprise solely for the purpose of storage or display;*
 - c) *the maintenance of a stock of goods or merchandise belonging to the enterprise solely for the purpose of processing by another enterprise;*
 - d) *the maintenance of a fixed place of business solely for the purpose of purchasing goods or merchandise, or of collecting information, for the enterprise;*

- e) *the maintenance of a fixed place of business solely for the purpose of carrying on, for the enterprise, any other activity of a preparatory or auxiliary character;*
- f) *the maintenance of a fixed place of business solely for any combination of activities mentioned in subparagraphs a) to e), provided that the overall activity of the fixed place of business resulting from the combination is of a preparatory or auxiliary character.*

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 where a person - other than an agent of an independent status to whom paragraph 7 applies - is acting in a Contracting State on behalf of an enterprise of the other Contracting State, that enterprise shall be deemed to have a permanent establishment in the first-mentioned State in respect of any activities which that person undertakes for the enterprise, if such a person has and habitually exercises in that State an authority to conclude contracts on behalf of the enterprise, unless the activities of such person are limited to those mentioned in paragraph 4 which, if exercised through a fixed place of business, would not make this fixed place of business a permanent establishment under the provisions of that paragraph.

- 6. *Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this Article, an insurance enterprise of a Contracting State shall, except in regard to reinsurance, be deemed to have a permanent establishment in the other Contracting State if it collects premiums in the territory of that other State or insures risks situated therein through a person other than an agent of an independent status to whom paragraph 7 applies.*
- 7. *An enterprise shall not be deemed to have a permanent establishment in a Contracting State merely because it carries on business in that State through a broker, general commission agent or any other agent of an independent status provided that such persons are acting in the ordinary course of their business.*
- 8. *The fact that a company which is a resident of a Contracting State controls or is controlled by a company which is a resident of the other Contracting State, or which carries on business in that other State (whether through a permanent establishment or otherwise), shall not of itself constitute either company a permanent establishment of the other.*

Article 6

INCOME FROM IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

- 1. *Income derived by a resident of a Contracting State from immovable property (including income from agriculture or forestry) situated in the other Contracting State may be taxed in that other State.*
- 2. *The term «immovable property» shall have the meaning which it has under the law of the Contracting State in which the property in question is situated. The term*

shall in any case include property accessory to immovable property, livestock and equipment used in agriculture and forestry, rights to which the provisions of general law respecting landed property apply, usufruct of immovable property and rights to variable or fixed payments as consideration for the working of, or the right to work, mineral deposits, sources and other natural resources: ships, boats and aircraft shall not be regarded as immovable property.

The provisions of paragraph 1 shall apply to income derived from the direct use, letting, or use in any other form of immovable property.

The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 3 shall also apply to the income from immovable property of an enterprise and to income from immovable property used for the performance of independent personal services.

Article 7

BUSINESS PROFITS

1. *The profits of an enterprise of a Contracting State shall be taxable only in that State unless the enterprise carries on business in the other Contracting State through a permanent establishment situated therein. If the enterprise carries on business as aforesaid, the profits of the enterprise may be taxed in the other State but only so much of them as is attributable to that permanent establishment.*
2. *Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3, where an enterprise of a Contracting State carries on business in the other Contracting State through a permanent establishment situated therein, there shall in each Contracting State be attributed to that permanent establishment the profits which it might be expected to make if it were a distinct and separate enterprise engaged in the same or similar activities under the same or similar conditions and dealing wholly independently with the enterprise of which it is a permanent establishment.*
3. *In determining the profits of a permanent establishment, there shall be allowed as deductions expenses which are incurred for the purposes of the permanent establishment, including executive and general administrative expenses so incurred, whether in the State in which the permanent establishment is situated or elsewhere. However, no such deduction shall be allowed in respect of amounts, if any, paid (otherwise than towards reimbursement of actual expenses) by the permanent establishment to the head office of the enterprise or any of its other offices, by way of royalties, fees or other similar payments in return for the use of patents or other rights, or by way of commission, for specific services performed or for management, or, except in the case of a banking enterprise, by way of interest on moneys lent to the permanent establishment.*

4. *Insofar as it has been customary in a Contracting State to determine the profits to be attributed to a permanent establishment on the basis of an apportionment of the total profits of the enterprise to its various parts, nothing in paragraph 2 shall preclude that Contracting State from determining the profits to be taxed by such an apportionment as may be customary; the method of apportionment adopted shall, however, be such that the result shall be in accordance with the principles contained in this Article.*
5. *No profits shall be attributed to a permanent establishment by reason of the mere purchase by the permanent establishment of goods or merchandise for the enterprise.*
6. *For the purposes of the preceding paragraphs, the profits to be attributed to the permanent establishment shall be determined by the same method year by year unless there is good and sufficient reason to the contrary.*
7. *Where profits include items of income which are dealt with separately in other Articles of this Convention, then the provisions of those Articles shall not be affected by the provisions of this Article.*

Article 8

SHIPPING AND AIR TRANSPORT

1. *Profits derived from the operation of ships engaged in international traffic shall be taxable only in the Contracting State in which the ships are registered or by which they are documented.*
2. *Profits derived from the operation of aircraft in international traffic shall be taxable only in the Contracting State in which the place of effective management of the enterprise is situated.*
3. *The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 shall also respectively apply to:*
 - a) *incidental profits derived from the rental (including on a bareboat basis) of ships or aircraft operated in international traffic;*
 - b) *profits from the use, maintenance or rental of containers (including trailers and other equipment for the transport of containers), where such profits are supplementary or incidental in respect to the profits to which the paragraphs 1 and 2 shall respectively apply.*
4. *The provisions of paragraph 1 and 2 shall also apply to profits from the participation in a pool, a joint business or an international operating agency.*

Article 9

ASSOCIATED ENTERPRISES

1. *Where*

- a) *an enterprise of a Contracting State participates directly or indirectly in the management, control or capital of an enterprise of the other Contracting State, or*
- b) *the same persons participate directly or indirectly in the management, control or capital of an enterprise of a Contracting State and an enterprise of the other Contracting State,*

and in either case conditions are made or imposed between the two enterprises in their commercial or financial relations which differ from those which would be made between independent enterprises, then any profits which would, but for those conditions, have accrued to one of the enterprises, but, by reason of those conditions, have not so accrued, may be included in the profits of that enterprises and taxed accordingly.

2. *Where a Contracting State includes in the profits of an enterprise of that State - and taxes accordingly - profits on which an enterprise of the other Contracting State has been charged to tax in that other State and the profits so included are profits which would have accrued to the enterprise of the first - mentioned State if the conditions made between the two enterprises had been those which would have been made between independent enterprises, then that other State shall make an appropriate adjustment to the amount of the tax charged therein on those profits. In determining such adjustment, due regard shall be had to the other provisions of this Convention and the competent authorities of the Contracting States shall if necessary consult each other.*

Article 10

DIVIDENDS

1. *Dividends paid by a company which is a resident of a Contracting State to a resident of the other Contracting State may be taxed in that other State.*
2. *However, such dividends may also be taxed in the Contracting State of which the company paying the dividends is a resident and according to the laws of that State, but if the recipient is the beneficial owner of the dividends the tax so charged shall not exceed 8 per cent of the gross amount of the dividends.*

The competent authorities of the Contracting States shall by mutual agreement settle the mode of application of these limitations.

This paragraph shall not effect the taxation of the company in respect of the profits out of which the dividends are paid.

The term «dividends», as used in this Article, means income from shares, «jouissance» shares or «jouissance» rights, mining shares, founders' shares or other rights, not being debt-claims, participating in profits, as well as income from other corporate rights which is subjected to the same taxation treatment as income from shares by the laws of the State of which the company making the distribution is a resident.

The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply if the beneficial owner of the dividends, being a resident of a Contracting State, carries on business in the other Contracting State of which the company paying the dividends is a resident, through a permanent establishment situated therein, or performs in that other State independent personal services from a fixed base situated therein, and the holding in respect of which the dividends are paid is effectively connected with such permanent establishment or fixed base. In such case, the provisions of Article 7 or Article 14, as the case may be, shall apply.

Where a company which is a resident of a Contracting State derives profits or income from the other Contracting State, that other State may not impose any tax on the dividends paid by the company, except insofar as such dividends are paid to a resident of that other State or insofar as the holding in respect of which the dividends are paid is effectively connected with a permanent establishment or a fixed base situated in that other State, nor subject the company's undistributed profits to a tax on undistributed profits, even if the dividends paid or the undistributed profits consist wholly or partly of profits or income arising in such other State.

Article 11

INTEREST

- 1. Interest arising in a Contracting State and paid to a resident of the other Contracting State may be taxed in that other State.*
- 2. However, such interest may also be taxed in the Contracting State in which it arises and according to the laws of that State, but if the recipient is the beneficial owner of the interest the tax so charged shall not exceed 10 per cent of the gross amount of the interest. The competent authorities of the Contracting State shall by mutual agreement settle the mode of application of this limitation.*
- 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2, interest arising in a Contracting State shall be exempt from tax in that State if the interest is beneficially owned by the other Contracting State or local authority there of or the Central Bank of that State.*

4. *The term «interest», as used in this Article, means income from debt-claims of every kind, whether or not secured by mortgage, and whether or not carrying a right to participate in the debtor's profits, and in particular, income from government securities and income from bonds or debentured, including premiums and prizes attaching to such securities, bonds or debentures as well as any income that is treated as interest under the taxation law of the Contracting State in which such income arises. Penalty charges for late payment shall not be regarded as interest for the purpose of this Article.*
5. *The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply if the beneficial owner of the interest, being a resident of a Contracting State, carries on business in the other Contracting State in which the interest arises, through a permanent establishment situated therein, or performs in that other State independent personal services from a fixed base situated therein, and the debt-claim in respect of which the interest is paid is effectively connected with such permanent establishment or fixed base. In such case, the provisions of Article 7 or Article 14, as the case may be, shall apply.*
6. *Interest shall be deemed to arise in a Contracting State when the payer is a resident of that State. Where, however, the person paying the interest, whether he is a resident of a Contracting State or not, has in a Contracting State a permanent establishment or fixed base in connection with which the indebtedness on which the interest is paid was incurred, and such interest is borne by such permanent establishment or fixed base, then such interest shall be deemed to arise in the State in which the permanent establishment or fixed base is situated.*
7. *Where, by reason of a special relationship between the payer and the beneficial owner or between both of them and some other person, the amount of the interest, having regard to the debt-claim for which it is paid, exceeds the amount which would have been agreed upon by the payer and the beneficial owner in the absence of such relationship, the provisions of this Article shall apply only to the last-mentioned amount. In such case, the excess part of the payment shall remain taxable according to the laws of each Contracting State, due regard being had to the other provisions of this Convention.*

Article 12

ROYALTIES

1. *Royalties arising in a Contracting State and paid to a resident of the other Contracting State may be taxed in that other State.*
2. *However, such royalties may also be taxed in the Contracting State in which they arise and according to the laws of that State, but if the recipient is the beneficial owner of the royalties the tax so charged shall not exceed 8 per cent of the gross amount of the royalties. The competent authorities of the Contracting States shall by mutual agreement settle the mode of applications of this limitation.*

3. *The term «royalties», as used in this Article, means payments of any kind received as a consideration for the use of, or the right to use, any copyright of literary, artistic or scientific work including cinematograph films and films or tapes for television or radio broadcasting, any patent, trade mark, design or model, plan, secret formula or process, or for the use of, or the right to use, industrial, commercial or scientific equipment, or for information concerning industrial, commercial or scientific experience.*
4. *The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply if the beneficial owner of the royalties, being a resident of a Contracting State, carries on business in the other Contracting State in which the royalties arise, through a permanent establishment situated therein, or performs in that other State independent personal services from a fixed base situated therein, and the right or property in respect of which the royalties are paid is effectively connected with such permanent establishment or fixed base. In such case the provisions of Article 7 or Article 14, as the case may be, shall apply.*
5. *Royalties shall be deemed to arise in a Contracting State where the payer is a resident of that State. Where, however, the person paying the royalties, whether he is a resident of a Contracting State or not, has in a Contracting State a permanent establishment or fixed base in connection with which the obligation to pay the royalties was incurred and the royalties are borne by that permanent establishment or fixed base, then such royalties shall be deemed to arise in the State in which the permanent establishment or fixed base is situated.*
6. *Where, by reason of a special relationship between the payer and the beneficial owner or between both of them and some other person, the amount of the royalties, having regard to the use, right or information for which they are paid, exceeds the amount which would have been agreed upon by the payer and the beneficial owner in the absence of such relationship, the provisions of this Article shall apply only to the last-mentioned amount. In such case, the excess part of the payments shall remain taxable according to the laws of each Contracting State, due regard being had to the other provisions of this Convention.*
7. *The provisions of this Article shall not apply if the main purposes or one of the main purposes of any person concerned with the creation or assignment of the rights in respect of which the royalties are paid was to take advantage of this Article by means of that creation or assignment. In such case the domestic legislation of each Contracting State shall apply.*

*Article 13***PROPERTY GAINS**

1. *Gains derived by a resident of a Contracting State from the alienation of immovable property referred to in Article 6 and situated in the other Contracting State may be taxed in that other State.*
2. *Gains from the alienation of movable property forming part of the business property of a permanent establishment which an enterprise of a Contracting State has in the other Contracting State or of movable property pertaining to a fixed base available to a resident of a Contracting State in the other Contracting State for the purpose of performing independent personal services, including such gains from the alienation of such a permanent establishment (alone or with the whole enterprise) or of such fixed base, may be taxed in that other State.*
3. *Gains from the alienation of ships or aircraft operated in international traffic or movable property pertaining to the operation of such ships or aircraft shall be taxable only in the Contracting State in which the profits of such ships or aircraft are taxable according to the provisions of Article 8.*
4. *Gains from the alienation of shares representing a participation of at least 15 per cent in a company which is a resident of a Contracting State may be taxed in that Contracting State.*
5. *Gains from the alienation of any property other than that referred to in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4, shall be taxable only in the Contracting State of which the alienator is a resident.*

*Article 14***INDEPENDENT PERSONAL SERVICES**

1. *Income derived by a resident of a Contracting State in respect of professional services or other activities of an independent character shall be taxable only in that State unless he has a fixed base regularly available to him in the other Contracting State for the purpose of performing his activities. If he has such a fixed base, the income may be taxed in the other State but only so much of it as is attributable to that fixed base.*
2. *The term «professional services» includes, especially, independent scientific, literary, artistic, educational or teaching activities as well as the independent activities of physicians, lawyers, engineers, architects, dentists and accountants.*

*Article 15***DEPENDENT PERSONAL SERVICES**

1. *Subject to the provisions of Articles 16, 18 and 19, salaries, wages and other similar remuneration derived by a resident of a Contracting State in respect of an employment shall be taxable only in that State unless the employment is exercised in the other Contracting State. If the employment is so exercised, such remuneration as is derived therefrom may be taxed in that other State.*
2. *Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1, remuneration derived by a resident of a Contracting State in respect of an employment exercised in the other Contracting State shall be taxable only in the first-mentioned State if:*
 - a) *the recipient is present in the other State for a period or periods not exceeding in the aggregate 183 days in a period of twelve months commencing or ending in the calendar year concerned*
 - b) *the remuneration is paid by or on behalf of, and employer who is not a resident of the other State, and*
 - c) *the remuneration is not borne by a permanent establishment or a fixed base which the employer has in the other State.*
3. *Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this Article, remuneration derived in respect of an employment exercised aboard a ship or aircraft operated in international traffic, may be taxed in the Contracting State in which the profits from the operation of the ship or aircraft are taxable according to the provisions of Article 8.*

*Article 16***DIRECTORS' FEES**

Directors' fees and other similar payments derived by a resident of a Contracting State in his capacity as a member of the board of directors or similar organ of a company which is a resident of the other Contracting State may be taxed in that other State.

*Article 17***ARTISTES AND SPORTSMEN**

1. *Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 14 and 15, income derived by a resident of a Contracting State as an entertainer, such as a theatre, motion picture, radio or television artiste, or a musician, or as a sportsman, from his personal activities as such exercised in the other Contracting State, may be taxed in that other State.*
2. *Where income in respect of personal activities exercised by an entertainer or a sportsman, in his capacity as such accrues not to the entertainer or sportsman, himself but to another person, that income may, notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 7, 14 and 15, be taxed in the Contracting State in which the activities of the entertainer or sportsman are exercised.*
3. *Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, income derived from such activities as defined in paragraph 1 performed under a cultural agreement or arrangement between the Contracting States, shall be exempt from tax in the Contracting State in which these activities are exercised.*

*Article 18***PENSIONS**

Subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 19, pensions and other similar remuneration paid to a resident of a Contracting State in consideration of past employment shall be taxable only in that State.

*Article 19***GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

1.
 - a) *Salaries, wages and other similar remuneration, other than a pension, paid by a Contracting State or a local authority thereof to an individual in respect of services rendered to that State or local authority shall be taxable only in that State.*

- b) *However, such salaries, wages and other similar remuneration shall be taxable only in the other Contracting State if the services are rendered in that State and the individual is a resident of that State who:*
- i) *is a national of that State; or*
 - ii) *did not become a resident of that State solely for the purpose of rendering the services.*
2. a) *Any pension paid by, or out of funds created by, a Contracting State or a local authority thereof to an individual in respect of services rendered to that State or local authority shall be taxable only in that State.*
- b) *However, such pension shall be taxable only in the other Contracting State if the individual is a resident of, and a national of, that State.*
3. *The provisions of Articles 15, 16, 17 and 18 shall apply to remuneration and pensions in respect of services rendered in connection with a business carried on by a Contracting State or a local authority thereof.*

Article 20

PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS

1. *Remuneration which a resident of a Contracting State receives for undertaking study or research at a high level or for teaching, during a period not exceeding two years, at a university, research institute or other similar establishment for highest or higher education in the other Contracting State, shall not be taxable in that other State.*
2. *Payments which a student or business apprentice who is or was immediately before visiting a Contracting State a resident of the other Contracting State and who is present in the first-mentioned Contracting State solely for the purpose of his education or training receives for the purpose of his maintenance, education or training shall not be taxed in that State, provided that such payments arise from sources outside that State.*

*Article 21***OTHER INCOME**

1. *Items of income a resident of a Contracting State, wherever arising, not dealt with, in the foregoing Articles of this Convention shall be taxable only in that State.*

2. *The provisions of paragraph 1 shall not apply to income, other than income from immovable property as defined in paragraph 2 of Article 6, if the recipient of such income being a resident of a Contracting State, carries on business in the other Contracting State through a permanent establishment situated therein, or performs in that other State independent personal services from a fixed base situated therein, and the right or property in respect of which the income is paid is effectively connected with such permanent establishment or fixed base. In such case the provisions of Article 7 or Article 14, as the case may be, shall apply.*

*Article 22***PROPERTY**

1. *Property represented by immovable property referred to in Article 6, owned by a resident of a Contracting State and situated in the other Contracting State, may be taxed in that other State.*

2. *Property represented by movable property forming part of the business property of a permanent establishment which an enterprise of a Contracting State has in the other Contracting State or by movable property pertaining to fixed base available to a resident of a Contracting State in the other Contracting State for the purpose of performing independent personal services, may be taxed in that other State.*

3. *Property represented by ships or aircraft operated in international traffic and by movable property pertaining to the operation of such ships or aircraft, shall be taxable only in the Contracting State in which the profits from the aforesaid ships or aircraft are taxable according to the provisions of Article 8.*

4. *All other elements of property of a resident of a Contracting State shall be taxable only in that State.*

Article 23

ELIMINATION OF DOUBLE TAXATION

1. *Where a resident of a Contracting State derives income or owns property which, in accordance with the provisions of this Convention, may be taxed in the other Contracting State, the first - mentioned State shall allow:*
 - a) *as a deduction from the tax on the income of that resident, an amount equal to the income tax paid in that other State,*
 - b) *as a deduction from the tax on the property of that resident, an amount equal to the property tax paid in that other State.*

Such deduction in either case shall not, however, exceed that part of the income tax or property tax, as computed before the deduction is given, which is attributable, as the case may be, to the income or the property which may be taxed in that other State.

2. *Where a resident of a Contracting State derives income which, in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 and 14 of the Convention may be taxed in the other Contracting State the first mentioned State shall exempt such income from tax.*
3. *Where dividends are paid by a company which is a resident of a Contracting State to a resident of the other Contracting State, the credit shall take into account (in addition to any tax creditable under the provisions of subparagraph (a) of paragraph 1) the tax payable by the company in respect of the profits out of which such dividends are paid.*
4. *Where, under the laws of a Contracting State any tax to which this Convention applies has been wholly or partly relieved, due to special provisions for the promotion of the economic development of that State, then for the purpose of calculating in the other Contracting State of the deduction from tax as referred to in the preceding paragraphs, the tax relieved shall be deemed to have been paid.*

Article 24

NON - DISCRIMINATION

1. *Nationals of a Contracting State shall not be subjected in the other Contracting State to any taxation or any requirement connected therewith, which is other or more burdensome than the taxation and connected requirements to which nationals of that other State in the same circumstances, in particular in the respect to residence, are or may be subjected. This provisions shall, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 1, also apply to persons who are not residents of one or both of the Contracting States.*

2. *Stateless persons who are residents of a Contracting State shall not be subjected in either Contracting State to any taxation or any requirement connected therewith, which is other or more burdensome than the taxation and connected requirements to which national of the State concerned in the same circumstances are or may be subjected.*
3. *The taxation on a permanent establishment which an enterprise of a Contracting State has in the other Contracting State shall not be less favourably levied in that other State than the taxation levied on enterprises of that other State carrying on the same activities. This provision shall not be construed as obliging a Contracting State to grant to residents of the other Contracting State any personal allowances, reliefs and reductions for taxation purposes on account of civil status or family responsibilities which it grants to its own residents.*
4. *Except where the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 9, paragraphs 6 of Article 11, or paragraphs 6 and 7 of Article 12, apply, interest, royalties and other disbursements paid by an enterprise of a Contracting State to a resident of the other Contracting State shall, for the purpose of determining the taxable profits of such enterprise, be deductible under the same conditions as if they had been paid to a resident of the first-mentioned State. Similarly, any debts of an enterprise of a Contracting State to a resident of the other Contracting State shall, for the purpose of determining the taxable capital of such enterprise, be deductible under the same conditions as if they had been contracted to a resident of the first-mentioned State.*
5. *Enterprises of a Contracting State, the capital of which is wholly or partly owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by one or more residents of the other Contracting State, shall not be subject in the first-mentioned State to any taxation or any requirements connected therewith which is other or more burdensome than the taxation and connected requirements to which other similar enterprises of the first-mentioned State are or may be subjected.*
6. *The provisions of this Article shall, notwithstanding the provision of Article 2, apply to taxes of every kind and description.*

Article 25

MUTUAL AGREEMENT PROCEDURE

1. *Where a person considers that the actions of one or both of the Contracting States result or will result for him in taxation not in accordance with this Convention, he may, irrespective of the remedies provided by the domestic law of those States, present his case to the competent authority of the Contracting State of which he is a resident or, if his case comes under paragraph 1 of Article 24, to that of the Contracting State of which he is a national. The case must be presented within three years from the first notification of the action resulting in taxation not in accordance with the provisions of the Convention.*

2. *The competent authority shall endeavour, if the objection appears to it to be justified and if it is not itself able to arrive at a satisfactory solution, to resolve the case by mutual agreement with the competent authority of the other Contracting State, with a view to the avoidance of taxation which is not in accordance with the Convention. Any agreement reached shall be implemented notwithstanding any time limits in the domestic law of the Contracting States.*
3. *The competent authorities of the Contracting States shall endeavour to resolve by mutual agreement any difficulties or doubts arising as to the interpretation or application of the Convention. They may also consult together for the elimination of double taxation in cases not provided for in the Convention.*
4. *The competent authorities of the Contracting States may communicate with each other directly, including through a joint commission consisting of themselves or their representatives, for the purpose of reaching an agreement in the sense of the preceding paragraphs.*

Article 26

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

1. *The competent authorities of the Contracting States shall exchange such information as is necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Convention or of the domestic laws of the Contracting States concerning taxes covered by the Convention insofar as the taxation thereunder is not contrary to the Convention. The exchange of information is not restricted by Article 1. Any information received by a Contracting State shall be treated as secret in the same manner as information obtained under the domestic laws of that State and shall be disclosed only to persons or authorities (including courts and administrative bodies) involved in the assessment or collection of, the enforcement or prosecution in respect of, or the determination of appeals in relation to, the taxes covered by the Convention. Such persons or authorities shall use the information only for such purposes. They may disclose the information in public court proceedings or in judicial decisions.*
2. *In no case shall the provisions of paragraph 1 be construed so as to impose on a Contracting State the obligation:*
 - a) *to carry out administrative measures at variance with the laws and administrative practice of that or of the other Contracting State;*
 - b) *to supply information which is not obtainable under the laws or in the normal course of the administration of that or of the other Contracting State;*

- c) *to supply information which would disclose any trade, business, industrial, commercial or professional secret or trade process, or information, the disclosure of which would be contrary to public policy (ordre public).*

Article 27

MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND CONSULAR POSTS

Nothing in this Convention shall affect the fiscal privileges of members of diplomatic missions or consular posts under the general rules of international law or under the provisions of special agreements.

Article 28

ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. *Each of the Contracting States shall notify to the other through diplomatic channels the completion of the procedures required by its law for the bringing into force of this Convention. This Convention shall enter into force on the date of the later of these notifications and shall thereupon have effect on income derived or on property owned on or after the first day of January of the calendar year next following that in which the Convention enters into force.*

Article 29

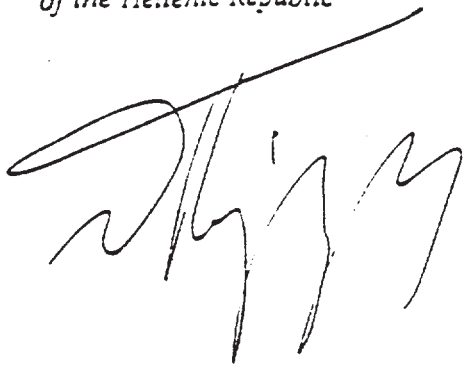
TERMINATION

This Convention shall remain in force until terminated by one of the Contracting State. Either Contracting State may terminate the Convention, through diplomatic channels, by giving notice of termination at least six months before the end of any calendar year beginning after the expiry of five years from the date of entry into force of the Convention. In such event, the Convention shall cease to have effect on income derived or on property owned on or after the first day of January of the January of the calendar year next following that in which the notice is given.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorised thereto, have signed this Convention.

Done in Athens, on April 1st, 1997, in two originals, in the Greek, Uzbek and English languages, each text being equally authentic, the English text prevailing in case of doubt.

*For the Government
of the Hellenic Republic*



*For the Government
of the Republic of Uzbekistan*



Άρθρο δεύτερο

Η ισχύς του παρόντος νόμου αρχίζει από τη δημοσίευσή του στην Εφημερίδα της Κυβερνήσεως και της Σύμβασης που κυρώνεται από την πλήρωση των προϋποθέσεων του άρθρου 28 αυτής.

Παραγγέλλομε τη δημοσίευση του παρόντος στην Εφημερίδα της Κυβερνήσεως και την εκτέλεσή του ως νόμου του Κράτους.

Αθήνα, 24 Νοεμβρίου 1998

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Αθήνα, 26 Νοεμβρίου 1998

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