

DECREE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

#576 “ON MEASURES TO ESTABLISH CONDITIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDUSTRY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN THE REPUBLIC”

In recent years, phased reforms on the introduction of information and communication technologies (hereinafter - ICT) in all areas of public administration and the provision of public services allowed to achieve significant progress in promoting information services, the development and implementation of the Electronic Government system, creating effective mechanisms for establishing a dialogue with People and timely solution of the pressing problems of the population in the field.

At the same time, despite the results achieved, the current state of the development of information technologies and introducing them in the industry, as well as the level of exports of domestic software products still remain low, the scientific and educational potential of the country is not enough to form a competitive and high-performance information technology.

The current organizational and economic conditions in the republic do not contribute to the further development of this industry, taking into account the low competitive advantage of the country compared with the conditions created in foreign countries demonstrating rapid growth in ICT.

The rapid development of ICT, discovering new opportunities, makes high demands on the scale of state support and strengthening the position of the republic in the global ICT market.

In order to create favorable conditions for the formation and active development of high-tech sectors of the economy based on the use of ICT, further deepening the integration of science, education and production in this industry through the provision of additional benefits and preferences to developers and customers of information technology products, an increase in export of ICT products, and also stimulating the involvement of domestic and foreign investment:

1. Adopt the Offer of the Ministry of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the University of INHA in Tashkent and AK Uzbektelecom on the establishment of an innovative center for supporting the development and implementation of information technologies "Mirzo Ulugbek Innovation Center" (hereinafter - an Innovative center).

2. To establish that the Innovation Center is created on the principle of extraterritoriality within the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan with the placement of residents of the Innovation Center throughout the territory of the republic to create the most favorable conditions for the development of production of information technology products.

3. To determine the main activities of the Innovation Center:

the creation of the necessary organizational and technical and financial and economic conditions for expanding the interaction of business entities and higher educational institutions aimed at the production and implementation of products of information technologies in the domestic and foreign markets;

providing assistance to residents of the Innovation Center in attracting foreign investments to implement competitive ICT projects in the domestic and foreign markets;

participation in ensuring the employment of graduates of higher educational institutions and professional colleges in the specialty "Information Technologies", including by supporting gifted youth in the implementation of start-up projects;

organization of advanced training and retraining of ICT personnel through the short-term and medium-term specialized courses, including with the invitation of foreign specialists;

support for the implementation by novice entrepreneurs of innovative projects in the field of product development products on promising areas.

4. To form the Coordination Council of the Innovation Center to support the development and implementation of information technologies "Mirzo Ulugbek Innovation Center" (hereinafter referred to as the Coordination Council) as part of the Appendix.

Determine the basic functions of the Coordination Council:

the coordination of the activities of state bodies, scientific, educational institutions and other organizations to promote the development of the innovation center;

conducting systemic monitoring and analysis of the activities of the innovation center in the development of the information technology industry in the republic;

preparation of proposals for improving the activities of the Innovation Center and improving the conditions for economic entities in the field of information technology, including on the basis of advanced international experience;

making decisions on the registration of legal entities as residents of the innovation center and the deprivation of their resident status;

ensuring the protection of the rights and legitimate interests of residents of the innovation center.

5. Load until January 1, 2028 of the residents of the Innovation Center from:

paying all types of taxes and mandatory deductions to government trust funds, as well as a single social payment;

payment of customs taxes (with the exception of customs fees) for the equipment imported to their own needs, components, parts, nodes, technological documentation, software not produced in the Republic of Uzbekistan, on listings approved in the prescribed manner;

Mandatory sale of a part of the currency revenue coming from the export of goods (works, services) of its own production.

6. Determine the order according to which residents of the Innovation Center are entitled:

carry out calculations in foreign currency in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan for the payment of wages to employees and dividends in non-cash form within the exports from the export of goods (works, utilities) of their own production by transferring to international payment cards;

implement the export of works and services for foreign currency through online stores in the worldwide information network without export contract.

7. Ministry of Information Technology and Communications with the Ministry of Finance and the State Tax Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan:

annually analyze the degree of influence of privileges and preferences to the development of the National ICT market, the competitiveness of software products and ICT services in the domestic and foreign markets, with the subsequent introduction of the analysis results in the Coordination Council;

Make up until November 1, 2017 to the Coordination Council proposal on the feasibility of further functioning of the national register of software developers established in accordance with the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated September 20, 2013 No. PP-2042 "On measures to further strengthen the incentive of domestic software developers "

8. To establish that income in the form of remuneration, obtained before January 1, 2028 by employees in labor contracts with residents of the Innovation Center:

They are taxed on income of individuals at a fixed rate of 7.5 percent, and the insurance premiums of citizens in the extra-budget pension fund under the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan - at a rate of 4.5 percent;

Do not be included in the volume of cumulative annual income of individuals defined for tax purposes.

9. Ministry of Information Technology and Communications, together with the Central Bank of the Republic of Uzbekistan, to make the necessary measures to fully function in the republic of receiving international payment cards to pay for goods and services, as well as enrollment on bank accounts of residents of the Republic of Uzbekistan currency revenue from sales goods and services through online stores in the World Information Network.

10. To the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan to provide on a permanent basis the promotion of products of information technologies of residents of the Innovation Center abroad.

11. Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan within a month to approve the provision on the Innovation Center, providing in it order:

organization of the activities of the Innovation Center and the Coordination Council;

registration of legal entities as residents of the Innovation Center, taking into account the determination of specific criteria for obtaining a resident status;

Applications of special currency regime for residents of the Innovation Center.

12. National TV and Radio Company of Uzbekistan, the National Information Agency of Uzbekistan to organize widespread coverage in the media of the Innovation Center.

13. Control over the execution of this Decree to establish at Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan A.N. Aripov.

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Tashkent city,

June 30, 2017

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**Annex to the decree
of the President of the
Republic of Uzbekistan
dated June 30, 2017**

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Composition of the Coordination Council of the Innovation Center for the Support for the
Development and Implementation Technology "Mirzo Ulugbek Innovation Center"

Aripov A.N. - Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Head of the Coordination
Council

Shermatov shh. - and. about. Minister for the Development of Information Technologies and
Communications, Deputy Head of the Coordination Council

Ahmedhajev A.I. - Chairman of the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for
Investments

Asamov D.D. - Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Tursunov E.E. - Deputy Minister of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Yuldashev A.A. - First Deputy Chairman of the State Tax Committee of the Republic of
Uzbekistan

Raimov B.Ya. - First Deputy Chairman of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of
Uzbekistan

Ishmetov TA - First Deputy Chairman of the Central Bank of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Begimkulov U.Sh. - Deputy Minister of Higher and Secondary Special Education of the
Republic of Uzbekistan

Ikramov A.I. - Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of
Uzbekistan.

Note: When moving the members of the Coordination Council to another job, it includes
persons newly appointed to these posts or on which the relevant functions are fulfilled.