



**Memorandum of Understanding**  
between  
**Municipality of Genoa & Municipality of Shymkent**

*The Municipality of Genoa (Italian Republic) and the City of Shymkent (Republic of Kazakhstan) hereinafter referred to as "the Parts"*

*Considering that, in the field of International Relations, Bilateral Relations among Cities, have an increasing importance as Local Authorities' means to strengthen local democracy, such as to whet cultural vivacity and citizens' mobility, in order to improve economic objectives, with the final goal of increasing social welfare of local communities;*

*Based on the firm belief that friendly relations between the Parts will contribute to a better cooperation, mutual understanding and friendship;*

*Within their subject matters, the Parts agree as follows:*

**Article 1**

*(Aims and Purposes)*

This Agreement aims to promote exchanges and collaboration, to consolidate friendship among the Parts in the field of Foreign Trade, Investments, Tourism, Agriculture, Science & Education, Culture, Sports and Art.

## Article 2

*(Clause of Jurisprudential Invariability)*

This Memorandum of Understanding enters into force according to Italian and **Kazakh** Laws as well as in accordance with International Law, where applicable, and for the Italian **Side**, according to obligations and duties resulting from Italian membership to the European Union.

## Article 3

*(Collaboration Activities)*

- In order to develop Bilateral Collaboration between public and private enterprises of their territories on trade, business opportunities and investments, the Parts engage themselves to:
  - initiate direct contacts between enterprises and organizations, to create joint ventures, as well as to provide comprehensive support to business entities in concluding foreign trade contracts for the supply of goods and services;
  - hold meetings, business seminars, conferences, symposiums, industry and multi-industry exhibitions and fairs - organize business trips, as well as other trade and economic events with the participation of businessmen and representatives of the business environment of both sides;
  - assist in the implementation of promising investment projects on the territory of both Parts, including by coordinating the efforts of business entities
  - keep the business groups of both Parts informed about the changes in the laws of their countries and ongoing economic reforms.
- The Parts intend to collaborate on development of respective Tourism Industry in accordance with the historical heritage, sights and traditions of the two cities.
- The Parts intend to strengthen bilateral relations in the field of Culture, Sports and Art. They will also promote culture days, sports events, national art exhibitions, film festivals and exchange of theater productions.
- The Parts intend to organize mutual activities in the fields of Education and Science. They'll create necessary conditions to host scientific seminars, conferences and consultations, conducting joint research, exchanging scientific and technical information.

- The Parts intend to establish collaboration for future commercial and investment steps by exchanging the necessary information in the sectors of Animal Husbandry, Agriculture and Food Industry, leading researches and actions for the development of these sectors.

#### Article 4

##### *(Clause of financial neutrality)*

All the expected or resulting activities from the implementation of the following Memorandum are covered, for the Italian Side, in the financial report of the Municipality of Genoa without creating financial duty dependent on the Italian State.

#### Article 5

##### *(Notice)*

The Parts will inform the competent Embassies for the territories of the respective Countries on the work progress planned in the framework of this Memorandum.

#### Article 6

##### *(Modifications and Supplementing)*

Eventual modifications or integrations to this Memorandum could be define in writing upon consent of the Parties and, for the Italian Side, complying with similar procedures to those provided for the authorization of this Agreement.

#### Article 7

##### *(Interpretative Divergences)*

Any divergence in interpreting or implementing this Memorandum will be resolve in a friendly manner, through direct consultations among the Parts.

#### Article 8

##### *(Efficacy and Duration)*

This Memorandum acquire efficacy in the act of the signing and will last five (5) years. It'll be implicitly renewed, except for expressly agreed by the Parts and in compliance with the procedures of the respective national Laws. Both Parts can always put an end to the efficacy of this Memorandum through written communication to the other Part.

Article 9  
(Contact Agencies)

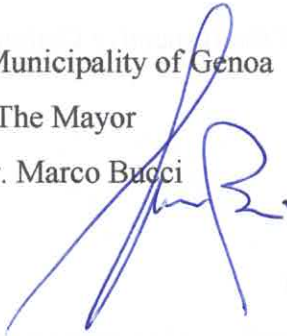
The Parties state and mutually recognize Foreign Affairs Office (F.A.O.) of Genoa Municipality and Department of Tourism & External Relations of Shymkent City as respective Contact Agencies in charge of promoting Collaboration Projects and managing Exchange Activities.

Drawn up in Shymkent on 19 June 2023 in two original copies, each one in Italian and Kazakh, both the text equally authentic.

for the Municipality of Genoa

The Mayor

Mr. Marco Bucci



for the City of Shymkent

The Akim

Mr. Aitenov Murat Duisenbekovich

