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## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF UZBEKISTAN'S MEMBERSHIP IN ICCROM**

Madam/Sir

I have the honor to announce that the Republic of Uzbekistan, after depositing its formal declaration of accession in accordance with Article 2. paragraph 2 and paragraph 4 of the Statutes, officially joined ICCROM on 30 August 2024, becoming our 138<sup>th</sup> Member State.

This significant milestone underscores the commitment of Uzbekistan to the conservation and sustainable management of its rich cultural heritage and marks a significant step in fostering greater collaboration and knowledge exchange among our Member States.

Uzbekistan's vast and diverse heritage, both tangible and intangible, spanning millennia is a testament to the nation's globally recognized historical and cultural significance.

By joining ICCROM, Uzbekistan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that will undoubtedly enrich our collective efforts in fulfilling our mandate in support of cultural heritage conservation.

I am sincerely very pleased about this development as it will strengthen ICCROM's presence in the Central Asian region, and I am confident that Uzbekistan's membership will inspire other countries in the region to join us in our mission to conserve and safeguard cultural heritage.

On behalf of ICCROM, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Uzbekistan for their commitment and I really look forward to start working together towards a vibrant, strategic and programmatic partnership which promises to bring lasting benefits to all ICCROM Member States, fostering a shared commitment to preserving and safeguarding our heritage for our present and future generations.

Please join me in welcoming Uzbekistan as the 138<sup>th</sup> Member State of ICCROM as we look forward to their active participation in our programs and initiatives.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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