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REGULATIONS
**on the Council for the Development of Strategic Partnership with Foreign
Organizations of Higher and Postgraduate Education under the Ministry of
Science and Higher Education**

1. General Provisions

1. The Council for the Development of Strategic Partnership with Foreign Organizations of Higher and Postgraduate Education (hereinafter referred to as OHPE) under the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, hereinafter referred to as 'the Council' serves as a consultative and advisory body to enhance the competitiveness of Kazakhstani OHPE.

2. The legal basis for the activities of the Council is the Regulation on the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan, approved by the Decree of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated August 19, 2022 No 580 "On Certain Issues of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan", priority 4 of the National Development Plan of the Republic of Kazakhstan until 2029, approved by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated July 30, 2024 No 611, the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as this Regulation.

International treaties ratified by the Republic of Kazakhstan have priority over its laws and are applied directly, except in cases where it follows from an international treaty that the issuance of a law is required for its application.

The Council operates on the basis of the principles of mutual respect, respect for academic freedom and cultural diversity. The Council's activities are focused on consensus decision-making, openness and transparency.

3. The purpose of the Council is to develop recommendations aimed at improving the quality of higher education and its transformation, developing international cooperation, and supporting a sustainable and inclusive educational space.

2. Tasks and powers of the Council

4. The main tasks of the Council are:

1) Improving the quality of higher education: The Council develops recommendations for improving the educational activities of Kazakhstani OHPE. This

includes supporting the adoption of international assessment systems for educational programs, the development of scientific research and the exchange of best practices between educational institutions.

2) Legal regulation of educational activities: the Council analyzes the legal aspects within the framework of the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC) and proposes measures to adapt them to international educational standards.

3) Support for sustainable development and innovation: The Council is engaged in the implementation of new technologies such as artificial intelligence and big data in the higher education system. Initiatives aimed at developing social entrepreneurship in the field of educational technologies (EdTech) are also being considered.

4) Development and implementation of strategic directions: The Council identifies priority areas for development, including academic mobility, integration of new technologies and sustainable development. It contributes to the development of strategic decisions in the field of education in regular forums.

5) Establishment of working groups and substructures: To carry out tasks in priority areas, the Council may organize specialized working groups. These groups can focus on areas such as mobility, the development of educational technologies and support for sustainable educational initiatives.

6) Facilitating new members: The Council Secretariat assists new members by providing them with roadmaps for integration into the Council's activities and adaptation within its structure.

5. In order to implement the tasks provided for by this Regulation, the Council shall be vested with the following powers:

1) develop recommendations to improve educational standards, including international program evaluation systems, support for scientific research and exchange of best practices;

2) analyze and develop proposals for the legal regulation of educational activities within the AIFC, including bringing legal norms in line with international standards, as well as promoting academic mobility and the creation of network universities;

3) promote the introduction of new technologies, such as artificial intelligence and big data, and support initiatives aimed at the development of social entrepreneurship in the field of EdTech;

4) create working groups to implement tasks in priority areas, such as academic mobility, technological integration, and sustainable development and integration of educational technologies;

5) request information on the field of higher education and science from the OHPE and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, and its structural subdivisions;

6) interact with OHPE and structural divisions of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education;

7) submit written proposals and recommendations on higher education issues to the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

8) submit collective opinions and personal expert opinions on any issues of higher education and OHPE activities.

3. Composition of the Council

6. Members of the Council are representatives of Kazakhstani and foreign OHPE, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, business, as well as Kazakhstani and international organizations working in the field of higher education.

The Council may include both full members and advisory participants.

The numerical and personal composition of the council is not officially approved and for each of its meetings it is formed in working order in agreement with the above organizations.

4. Organization and support of the Council's activities

7. The Strategic Partners Forum is the supreme governing body of the Council. The Forum is held at least once a year to determine strategic directions, consider priority initiatives and make key decisions.

Members of the Council shall be notified of the date and agenda of the regular meeting by the working body within a reasonable period sufficient to ensure participation in the meeting, but not later than thirty calendar days before the meeting.

Other interested persons may be invited to the meeting of the Council.

The working languages of the Council are Kazakh, Russian and English.

If necessary, the working body shall translate materials, including minutes of Council meetings, into the working languages of the Council, as well as simultaneous translation.

The materials of the Council meeting shall be sent to the Council members by the means of communication available to them no later than ten calendar days prior to the Council meeting.

During the meeting of the Council, the working body shall keep minutes, including the use of audio and video recording.

The results of the activities of the Council and its members are formalized in the form of a protocol decision, conclusion or expert opinion, which are advisory in nature.

8. Decision-making procedure

The Council's opinion shall be signed by the members of the Council who took part in its development and discussion, and shall be of a recommendatory nature.

In case of disagreement with the collegial opinion, the member of the Council has the right to attach a personal expert opinion to it, which is subject to a reservation in the conclusion.

All decisions are made by consensus. The decision of the Council shall be considered competent if at least two-thirds of the total number of its members participate in the meeting of the Council. Decisions of the Council are made by a simple majority of votes of the members present at the meeting. In case of equality of votes, the vote of the chairperson is decisive.

9. Secretariat.

The Secretariat of the Council is a working body, the activities of which are carried out by the relevant structural unit of the National Center for the Development of Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan and provides coordination and administrative support for the activities of the Council.

Tasks of the Secretariat:

- 1) Organization and holding of the Forum of Strategic Partners together with the structural divisions of the Ministry of Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan, meetings and events of the Council;
- 2) Record keeping and preparation of relevant materials for meetings of the Council;
- 3) Facilitating the implementation of the decisions of the Forum and the Council.

10. External communication

The Secretariat and the Council ensure transparency through regular updates on official resources and interaction with stakeholders.

5. Final provisions

11. Amendments and additions to this Regulation shall be made by decision of the Council and shall enter into force after approval by two-thirds of representatives from the participating countries.