# **VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators**

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5. Education:

October 2015 – Sep., 2017 Westminster International University in Tashkent

LLM in International Commercial Law with Merit

October 2011- June, 2013 Westminster International University in Tashkent

Master of Arts in International Business and Management with Merit

2006 - June, 2010 Westminster International University in Tashkent

Bachelor of Arts in Commercial Law with First Class Honors

Certificate of Foundation Studies (distinction)

### 6. Practiced experience in arbitration

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules? I have participated in 5 international arbitration cases, including the following:
  - International ICC Arbitration Rules with the seat in Paris;
  - International Arbitration Rules of the London Chamber of Arbitration with the seat in London;
  - International Arbitration Rules of the International Commercial Arbitration Court under the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan with the seat in Tashkent;
  - International Tennis Anti-Corruption Program 2020 and Code: Procedural Rules of the Court for Arbitration in Sport, and
  - International Vienna Rules with the seat in Vienna.
- How often have you acted as Chairman? Not yet.
- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator? Not yet.
- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator? Not yet.
- How often have you acted as Counsel?5 times
- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)?
   Never.

# 7. Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):

# **Trainings attended:**

- FIDIC Module 2, Claims Management and Disputes & MDB 2010 Course of International Federation of Consulting Engineers Organized by Association of Consulting Engineers of Uzbekistan;
- FIDIC Module 1, Practical Use of FIDIC Contracts Course of International Federation of Consulting Engineers Organized by Association of Consulting Engineers of Uzbekistan, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 2020, and
- Online training at International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce.

## **Trainings delivered personally:**

- To the specialists of the Treaty Law Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan in September, 2020 on the foreign direct investment arbitration;
- To the lawyers of Uzkimyosanoat JSC of the Republic of Uzbekistan on certain issues of international commercial arbitration in October, 2018, and
- To the students of Westminster International University in Tashkent participating in Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot on yearly basis.

#### **Publications:**

- Bobokulova, F. "The Settlement Mechanisms of Investment Disputes" // "HUQUQ va BURCH" Social Legal Journal / (November, 2017). Tashkent: Ministry of Justice;
- Bobokulova, F. "Conciliation as an Effective and Efficient Mechanism of Settling Investment Disputes" // "Advokat" Social-Legal, Scientific Journal / (2017, Issue No. 5);
- Bobokulova, F. "Conciliation as an Effective and Efficient Mechanism to be Employed in Settling Investment Disputes" // 7th Republican Conference organized by the University of World Economy and Diplomacy. Tashkent.: UWED, 2017, pp.60-65;
- Bobokulova, F., 2013. Master's Thesis Culture and International Dispute Resolution: Do these Concepts ever Cross? Tashkent: WIUT;
- Bobokulova, F., 2011. "Investment Disputes: Alternative Methods of Resolution". In: The Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Higher Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2011. National University of Seoul and Navoi State Pedagogical Institute: Problems in Teaching. Seoul: National University of Seoul, pp. 56-61, and
- Bobokulova, F., 2010. Dissertation Settlement of Investment Disputes in Free Industrial-Economic Zone in Navoi Region: An Analysis of the Available Mechanisms and Prospects for Reform. Tashkent: WIUT.

### 8. Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations:

- Member of ICC Court of International Arbitration;
- Member of ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR;
- Member of ICC Commission Task Force on "Issues of Corruption in Arbitration", and
- Arbitrator listed by the Caspian Arbitration Society.
- Member of Young ICCA Organization.

#### 9. Languages

Mother tongue: Uzbek

Working languages (i.e. languages in which you have both a spoken and written command so that you may conduct arbitral proceedings in this language): English and Russian

10. In which legal systems have you trained?								
+ Civil Law	+	Common Law						
☐ Austrian Law		Hungarian Law		Swiss Law				
☐ Czech Law		Polish Law		Ukrainian Law				
☐ German Law		Slovakian Law 🗖		European Law				
Other Uzbek Law								
11. What is your main jurisdict	ion	of practice?						
Practice of law in Uzbekistan								
Practice in international arbitrat	tior	n – France, England & '	Wa	les, Uzbekistan, and A	ust	ria		
12. In which jurisdictions are you admitted to the bar?								
In the process of admission to the bar in Uzbekistan								
13. Special expertise or specializations (please list a maximum of five):								
☐ Antitrust/Unfair competition		Damages		Insolvency		Power plants		
☐ Aviation		Distribution		Insurance	+	Private Intern. Law		
☐ Banking & Finance		Domain name disputes		Intellect. property (IP)		Public Intern. Law		
☐ Capital markets		Employment	+	ISDS/ Foreign invest.		Real estate		
+ CISG		Energy		Joint ventures		Shipping		
☐ Civil fraud disputes		Engineering		Licensing	+	Sports		
$\hfill\Box$ Commercial disp. / transactions		Entertainment		Life sciences		State/Public contracts		
□ Commodity market		Healthcare & Pharmac.		Maritime arbitration		Technology		
☐ Company/Corporate/M&A		Hotel/Gastro./Tour.		Media		Telecommunication		
+ Construction		Inform. technology (IT)		Mining		Transport		
☐ Contract law		Infrastructure		Natural resources				
☐ Other								
14. Date of birth: January 8, 1988								

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