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Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister of State for South Asia and the Commonwealth and the Prime Minister's Special Representative on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict, visited Uzbekistan on 14 September 2021.



During the visit Lord Ahmad met Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdulaziz Kamilov, Senator Sodiq Safojev, Minister of Justice Ruslanbek Davletov and First Deputy Minister for Investments and Foreign Trade, Laziz Kudratov for wide-ranging talks on Uzbekistan's ambitious reform agenda. They also discussed both countries' mutual wish to work together to help mitigate the crisis in Afghanistan.

Lord Ahmad also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on economic cooperation with Deputy Minister of Finance, Odilbek Isakov.

At the signing ceremony, the Minister noted:

This Memorandum of Understanding is just a start of our collaboration as part of the Effective Governance for Economic Development (EGED) programme and this framework will remain flexible to accommodate selection of new economic reform issues in the future.

The UK is committed to continue its support to the Government of Uzbekistan in carrying out critical reforms in inclusive economic development and public administration through the EGED programme.

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