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THE RENEWAL CONSTITUTION OF UZBEKISTAN - AN EXAMPLE OF LEGAL CREATIVITY OF OUR PEOPLE

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ABSTRACT

The article analyzes that the Constitution, which is a sign of independent statehood, is first of all the face of the nation, the expression of the will of the people, the basis of the development of the society, and that the interests of all layers of the society are taken into account in the new version of the Constitution. Apart from that, issues were considered that indicate that the whole society is united around the idea of building New Uzbekistan, and that our General Assembly is literally becoming the Constitution of the people. Also, the question of what was the necessity of updating the Constitution in some sections of the population and explanations based on relevant factors are discussed.

KEYWORDS

Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, draft Constitution, national referendum, law-making, constitutional reforms, Constitutional Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

INTRODUCTION

It is known that the historical documents that are sealed in the fate of every nation are important because they served for the development of the nation and the solid foundation of statehood. The Constitution, which is considered a sign of

independent statehood, is first of all the face of the nation, the expression of the will of the people, and the basis of the development of the society. In other words, the idea, main principles and rules of our Constitution, which was adopted for the purpose of

establishing a new democratic system, embody the values of our people that have been formed for thousands of years, along with universally recognized international requirements.

As the President of our country, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, stated, "The Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, which is a unique example of the political thinking of our people, is important for the establishment of a legal democratic state based on market relations and the primacy of private property as a solid guarantee of the independence of our country, the peaceful life of our people, the rights and freedoms and interests of our citizens. It is also the main foundation for Uzbekistan to occupy a worthy place in the international arena." ¹

Today, Uzbekistan is developing rapidly. Following the wise traditions of our ancestors, we are carrying out strict reforms, and we are on the way to form a new image of our country. Political activity is increasing in our society, deep reforms are being implemented in all spheres. Their goal is to establish a democratic state and a just society, where the implementation of the simple and clear principle "Human interests are above all else" is of primary importance.

The results of the "Strategy of Actions" for the further development of Uzbekistan, which are actual action programs of the renewal process, as well as the development strategy of New Uzbekistan, is now being consistently implemented.

It is known that the current era of globalization is accelerating more than ever. At the same time, the

demand and needs of our population are increasing as well-being increases.

The head of our state said, "In order to bring the development of our country to a new level, both management, legislation, and our society must change. If we don't, if we can see the problems and not see them, we will be behind the times. Our people, our young generation will not agree with us. Therefore, we should deeply inculcate the idea of "Man first, then society and state" in our Constitution and laws, as well as in our daily life. We need to strengthen the foundations of our national statehood, capable of overcoming the serious tests and unpredictable dangers of today"².

We know that the construction of the state tomorrow will be based primarily on the Constitution and laws. Therefore, the state cannot be changed without fundamentally changing the Constitution.

In the Address to the Oliy Majlis and the people of Uzbekistan, we consult with our people on all issues based on the principle of "Society is the initiator of reforms". In general, we should consider and develop the Constitution, whose content is enriched with the spirit of glorifying human dignity, which will serve the future generations, and which is suitable for the New Uzbekistan, without haste. "All suggestions and wishes expressed by our citizens will be taken into account and the draft Constitution will be submitted to a national referendum. The most important thing is that each of our compatriots should be involved in constitutional reforms and be able to say with great

¹Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on preparation and measures for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution

of the Republic of Uzbekistan // People's word. June 21, 2017.

² <https://president.uz/uz/lists/view/5774>

pride and pride, "This is my Constitution," said Shavkat Mirziyoev.

It shows that the interests of all layers of the society were taken into account in the draft of the constitution, that the whole society is united around the idea of building a new Uzbekistan, and that our General Assembly is literally becoming the people's Constitution. As a proof of this, the opinions and proposals of our people were studied in two stages, and only after that the draft Constitution was prepared, in particular, in the first stage, our citizens submitted more than 60,000 proposals for the formation of the draft Constitution, and approximately one out of every four of them was included in the draft. It is also important that 5 million residents got acquainted with the project through mass media and Internet networks, and more than 150,000 suggestions and comments were made. At the same time, it should be recognized that in discussions with labor unions, universities, neighborhood activists and intellectuals, about 10 thousand additional proposals were received, and at the same time, international legal documents and the experience of more than 190 countries were studied, and the project was subjected to 6 types of expertise.

According to the Decision of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. SQ-702-IV dated March 14, 2023, Resolution 3017 of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan on holding a referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the draft Constitutional Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan" dated March 10, 2023 - Resolution No. KSQ-IV, considering the Decision of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis on March 13,

2023 by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan, based on the adoption of Decision No. 4 on its compliance with the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, holding the referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Sunday, April 30, 2023 a decision was adopted.³

Naturally, some sections of the population have a question as to what was the need for updating the Constitution, and we think it would be appropriate to explain it based on the following three factors. A critical issue for us to address is a giant step toward building a just society; secondly, the need to ensure the constitutional protection of the achievements we have achieved in recent years, the non-reversibility of reforms, and it is required to seal them in the Constitution so that these achievements, rights and freedoms can be safely used not only by our present, but also by our future generations; thirdly, the population of our country will reach 50 million by 2040, more than half of the society will be made up of young people, and in order to create decent living conditions for them, there should be a stable economy, a safe state, effective management, and social guarantees. The solution to these and many other problems requires a solid legal foundation - the newly revised Constitution of Uzbekistan.

The new version of the Constitution shows that the interests of all layers of society are taken into account, that the whole society is united around the idea of building a new Uzbekistan, and that our General Assembly is literally becoming the people's Constitution. The number of articles in the draft constitution has increased from the current 128 to 155, and the number of norms has increased from 275 to 434, that is, the text of our Basic Law has increased by

³ <https://lex.uz/docs/6412561?type=doc>

almost 65% and, most importantly, it is updated based on the suggestions of our people.

The updated Constitution of Uzbekistan is a legal basis for the development of the new Uzbekistan in terms of the main principled innovations, in particular, it is firmly established that Uzbekistan is a sovereign, democratic, legal and social state; the priority of human rights and freedoms is defined as the supreme goal of the legal state; introduction of effective, compact and popular state administration, bold steps towards increasing parliamentarism; it is expressed in the abolition of the leadership of the governors of the Councils of People's Deputies.

Our people will demonstrate to the world community that they are committed to universal values through the adoption of the new version of our Constitution. In the focus of these universal values, it was chosen as the main idea of our Constitution that it is the supreme responsibility of our state to ensure the human life, freedom, honor, dignity and other inviolable rights. All the principles of our constitution are primarily aimed at protecting the rights and freedoms of people and citizens, and the obligation of the state is reflected in ensuring these rights and freedoms.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, it is recognized that our newly revised Constitution is a priority legal document in the literal sense, that the foundations of the new constitutional system are strengthened in it, and that its principles and rules are applied in all spheres of our social life.

Our highest intention is to rely on and develop our Constitution, which is the solid legal foundation of our development strategy, which is of great importance in building a future great country, a free and fair society. On the other hand, all our achievements are the first

results on the way to building New Uzbekistan, a land where human values are great.

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