



THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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Received: November 07 th 2023 Accepted: December 06 th 2023 Published: January 11 th 2023	This article analyzes the role of our newly adopted Constitution in society and human life, the guaranteed rights and freedoms of citizens, the approaches of the newly introduced changes to the practice of law enforcement, and the norms aimed at protecting human rights and interests.
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INTRODUCTION

Today, in our modernized country, democratic reforms aimed at modernization of society and state life continue consistently. This, in turn, leads to the change of the state system, the development of national statehood, the emergence of new power institutions, as well as changes and additions to existing normative legal documents. In line with these updates, reforms related to the introduction of amendments and additions to our Constitution, which is our General Council, are being carried out.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

As President Sh.M.Mirziyoyev stated at the meeting with the members of the constitutional commission on amending the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan on June 20, 2022: "Truly the ideology of the people, the most sacred aspirations of the nation can be fully expressed only in its main document, the Constitution" [1]. The Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan as a high-level law reflects the image of our state, democratic principles of management, social and economic strategic directions of society, and guarantees the rights and freedoms of citizens.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A mechanism for the protection of human rights in the Republic of Uzbekistan has been created. Uzbekistan's active action as a member of the United Nations Human Rights Council, close cooperation with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and special rapporteurs on human rights issues is a vivid example of this.

In connection with this, it is important to understand the need for education and enlightenment in the field of

human rights, the ideas and principles defined in the Declaration, and their rights and freedoms. On December 10 of this year, we welcome the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This Declaration, which was adopted at the 3rd session of the UN General Assembly and has the content of a recommendation to all the member countries of the organization, ensures the equal rights of all people living on the planet Earth. This document has been translated into more than five hundred languages of the world, and the most translated document is the Declaration, which consists of 30 articles. In today's Uzbekistan, where the observance of human rights is on the agenda, knowing the history of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights will certainly be useful.

According to the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, № DP-70 dated on the 12th of may in 2023, "On the wide celebration of the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights" the proposal of The National Commission and the National Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights announcing the ten days of "Human Rights" in our country from December 1 to 10 every year starting from 2023, and all institutions: general secondary, secondary special, in professional and higher education institutions to conduct a national lesson dedicated to the day of adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in professional and higher educational institutions was approved.

The Decree of the President № DP-6012 of June 22, 2020 "On approval of the national strategy of the Republic of Uzbekistan on human rights" played a significant role obsessing over shortcomings in this area. The adoption of a long-term strategy in the field



of human rights will lead to the effective implementation of state policy in this field, the formation of road map for ensuring human rights and freedoms, the strengthening of the country's reputation in the international arena, including the improvement of the position of the Republic of Uzbekistan in economic and political-legal ratings and indexes. As mentioned in the presidential decree, the further improvement of the system of ensuring parliamentary and public control over the proper fulfillment of Uzbekistan's international obligations in the field of human rights encourages transparency in the work carried out within the framework of human rights, primarily under the slogan "for human dignity".

In the Address of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev to the Oliy Majlis on January 25 of 2020 year, it was stated that "We intend to consistently advance the issue of Uzbekistan becoming a member of the United Nations Human Rights Council in 2021-2023."

Due to the notable works done in this field, in a short period after that Address, in the elections held on October 13, 2020, during the session of the United Nations General Assembly, Uzbekistan was elected a member of the UN Human Rights Council for a three-year period - 2021-2023. For Uzbekistan was given 169 member states' votes out of 193. It was honorable moment to receive most votes in that election which gave us pride.

At this point, it is worth saying that The Human Rights Council is an intergovernmental body within the United Nations system made up of 47 States responsible for the promotion and protection of all human rights around the globe. It was established on March 15, 2006 according to resolution 60/251, and its first session was held on June 19-30 of the same year. It is responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the globe. At the meetings, held at the United Nations Office at Geneva, human rights issues and situations that require its attention throughout the year are discussed.

The Council, composed of 47 Member States, provides a multilateral forum to address human rights violations and country situations. It responds to human rights emergencies and makes recommendations on how to better implement human rights on the ground.

The reforms carried out in our country play an important role in realizing democratic values, protecting human rights and interests, increasing social activity, and ensuring the balance of interests in society. Sh. Mirziyoyev noted that "...regardless of nationality, language and religion, the realization of the idea of 'New Uzbekistan - a people-friendly and noble

country", which serves to ensure the well-being of all citizens living in our country, is also significant [2].

Together with this, we have changed the principle of "state, society, man" which has been practiced for years and centuries to the principle of "man, society - state", and the idea of "State - for man" has started to be implemented in our country [3, 464]. A completely new system for communicating directly with the people, positively solving their pains, concerns, and problems - the establishment of the People's Reception and Virtual Reception of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, "working in the area of neighborhoods", "entering into the people", "listening to their pain" in the activities of state organizations A clear example of this is the establishment of the principles of "sharing concerns" and "solving problems on the spot".

The updated Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan entered into legal force on May 1, 2023 as a result of the mentioned ideas and research. In turn, 27 new articles were added to this Constitution, the number of articles increased from 128 to 155, which indicates that the number of norms in our Constitution has increased to 434 and that it has been updated by 65%. Our updated Constitution serves as the most important legal foundation for comprehensive regulation of all aspects of our society's life and democratic development of our country. Among them, the long-term development strategies of our country, in general, created a solid legal basis and a reliable guarantee for the future prosperous life of our country and people. In fact, the Constitution in a broad sense "is a legal document that strengthens and guarantees the rights and freedoms of people and citizens, as well as defines the foundations of the social system, form of government and state structure, organization of central and local bodies of power, their powers and mutual relations" [4, 252].

It should be noted that the adoption of our updated Constitution is not just a desire, a simple event, but a fundamental historical basis, in accordance with the centuries-old aspirations of our people, fully responding to its national interests, to the generally recognized norms and principles of democracy, human rights and freedoms strictly followed, it was an objective necessity reflected in the principles of friendly cooperation with the world community, the ultimate goal of which was to create a free, prosperous and prosperous life for our people.

This need is confirmed in the preamble of our Constitution, that is, in recognition of our high responsibility to the present and future generations to build a humane democratic state, an open and fair society, in which the one nation of Uzbekistan: man, his life, freedom, honor and value are considered the



highest value, based on universally recognized principles and norms of international law, we can see that it aims to ensure a decent life for citizens, international and inter-confessional harmony, prosperity and prosperity of our multi-ethnic friendly Uzbekistan.

In accordance with our updated Constitution, Uzbekistan as a sovereign, democratic, legal, social, secular state is of great importance in ensuring the priority of the Constitution and the law, in ensuring the priority of human rights, freedoms and interests, in directing all resources and opportunities of the state to improve the quality of life of citizens and the well-being of individuals. At the same time, the idea of "For human dignity" and the main principle of our current reforms, the approach of "Man-society-state" are deeply embedded in the content of our updated Constitution, and the protection of human dignity, honor and pride, rights and interests in all spheres is reflected. That is, in the Decree No. PF-60 of the President of January 28, 2022 "On the Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan for 2022-2026", the goal of making the principles of justice and the rule of law the most basic and necessary condition for development in our country is defined, including the 20th goal of the Strategy "Active civil society development and formation of a sense of respect and obedience to the law among citizens; We can see that the stated goals of raising the legal culture and consciousness of the people, establishing effective cooperation of the country's bodies with civil society institutions, mass media and educational organizations in this regard have been confirmed in our updated Constitution" [5].

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, it is worth noting that at the heart of the reforms implemented in Uzbekistan are democratization of society with the help of features characteristic of our modern statehood, protection and full provision of people's rights and interests, strengthening the state and society's care for people in need of social protection, and further increasing the prestige of our country in the world. There is no doubt that the newly revised Constitution will play a decisive role in the realization of these goals.

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