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Abstract: *Uzbekistan, as an equal subject of international relations, has established an active foreign policy at the regional and global level and is developing mutually beneficial relations with foreign partners. Such consistent, clear and constructive foreign policy is recognized by international experts and observers. Good neighborly relations with the countries of Central Asia and legal, political, and spiritual solidarity play a key role in the cooperation between the countries.*

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On the agenda, bolstered mutual trust, amicable neighborly relations, and connections are crucial factors in supporting projects across the legal, political, trade-economic, and cultural-humanitarian spheres. For instance, through the resolute efforts of Uzbekistan, all issues with neighboring nations, such as state demarcation, border disputes, and transportation challenges concerning water resources, have been successfully resolved. Furthermore, it provides a fertile ground for well-crafted plans aligned with the legal system based on the Romano-Germanic tradition prevalent in Central Asian countries. Moreover, it is only natural that the ongoing processes in state-building, societal advancement, and state modernization, as well as the manifestation of law, its stability, and enhancement, necessitate deliberate actions.

Hence, several paramount ideas, including the revised Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, existing laws, historical legal heritage, legal values, and traditions of our people, along with the establishment of a legal state and civil society, have been put forward as the overarching objectives of our society. This has become the central slogan for all Central Asian countries, engendering a harmonious convergence of mutual goals. Present-day Uzbek society is rediscovering fundamental concepts such as the "social-legal state," "human dignity," "freedom of expression," and "pluralism."

The countries of Central Asia are progressively integrating in all aspects day by day. It is well-known that one of the key objectives of Uzbekistan's foreign policy is to foster an atmosphere of peace, stability, and security within its vicinity. From this standpoint, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev has identified the development and strengthening of friendly, close-neighborly, and mutually beneficial relations with our Central Asian counterparts as the foremost priority in foreign policy.

The dynamics of friendly dialogue with Central Asian countries can be categorized into two stages. These encompass the period from 2017 to 2020 and the current period from 2020 onwards. The first period encompasses various political and legal circumstances, one of which is the global spread of the coronavirus pandemic, resulting in the loss of numerous lives. Notably, special attention has been given to ensuring social and political stability within the country and maintaining robust relationships with regional and global partners even amidst such global crisis risks. President Shavkat Mirziyoyev has emerged as one of the leading figures among Central Asian leaders, thanks to his innovative plans and progressive ideas. As evidence of this, we can cite advanced initiatives aimed at ensuring sustainable development in the region and combating climate change-related threats.

In this regard, an international forum on climate change in Central Asia is scheduled to take place in Samarkand. The President has extended invitations to delegations from the region's countries to actively participate in the conference. Following the forum, a draft resolution titled "Central Asia in the Face of Global Climate Threats: Solidarity for Common Prosperity" will be prepared for submission to the UN General Assembly. Furthermore, it has been suggested that the adoption of a regional strategy for climate change adaptation would significantly contribute to climate stability and the promotion of "green" development. To this end, the establishment of a multilateral platform called the "Central Asian Dialogue on Climate" at the ministerial level is proposed, aiming to shape a collective climate agenda for the region and implement effective measures collectively.

Additionally, the President has put forth several fundamental initiatives to the Central Asian countries, including:

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- An agreement on strengthening the interdependence of ground transportation in Central Asia;
- Regulations for the Council of National Coordinators for Consultative Meetings of the Heads of Central Asian States;
- A "roadmap" for supporting health and well-being in Central Asia from 2022 to 2025.

The primary objective of the foreign policy endeavors of the Republic of Uzbekistan is to reinforce the independence and sovereignty of the state, its standing and role in the international arena, and to create an environment of security, stability, and friendly relations in its vicinity. Moreover, it actively promotes the foreign economic interests of the republic. The nation adheres to a course of non-alignment with military-political alliances and prohibits the establishment of foreign military bases or facilities on its territory. Similarly, the participation of its military personnel in peacekeeping operations or armed conflicts abroad is strictly forbidden. Uzbekistan advocates for the peaceful resolution of all conflicts and disputes solely through political means.

Uzbekistan upholds the principles of sovereign equality among states, the non-use or threat of force, the inviolability of borders, and non-interference in the internal affairs of other nations. It conscientiously fulfills its international obligations, respects and safeguards human rights, and upholds universally recognized principles and norms of international law. The nation is keen on expanding cooperation with all partners in the pursuit of peace, development, and prosperity, based on the fundamental principles of security indivisibility, openness, pragmatism, and the cultivation of good neighborly relations with neighboring countries. On the agenda, the prioritized matters include fostering fortified mutual trust, cultivating amicable neighborly relations, and establishing significant ties that play a pivotal role in supporting endeavors within the realms of legality, politics, trade, economics, culture, and humanitarianism. For instance, through the unwavering efforts of Uzbekistan, all issues pertaining to neighboring countries, such as state demarcation, border delineation, and challenges associated with the transportation of goods via water resources, have been successfully resolved. Furthermore, this serves as a fertile ground for the development of high-quality plans that adhere to the legal system based on the Romano-Germanic tradition prevalent in Central Asian countries. Additionally, it is only natural that the ongoing processes in state and societal construction, as well as state modernization and the embodiment of legal principles, require diligent actions.

Therefore, several paramount ideas have been put forth, including the updated Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, current laws, historical legal heritage, legal values, and traditions deeply rooted within our people. Additionally, the establishment of a legal state and civil society has been set as the ultimate goal for our society. These principles have become the central slogan for all Central Asian countries, fostering a harmonious alignment of mutual objectives. Present-day Uzbek society is rediscovering fundamental concepts such as the "social-legal state," "human dignity," "freedom of expression," and "pluralism."

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exert utmost endeavors to fortify regional trade and economic cooperation, foster the development of the region's transport and transit infrastructure, ensure the judicious and comprehensive utilization of the water and energy resources of the transboundary rivers of Central Asia, safeguard the environmental equilibrium of the region, and conclude the process of border delimitation and demarcation. - carries out actions. Uzbekistan seeks to fortify friendly and harmonious neighborly relations with the countries of the region, foster scientific-technical and cultural-humanitarian cooperation, and enhance relations between parliaments, border regions, public organizations, and ordinary citizens. Uzbekistan will persist in expanding its ties with Afghanistan and actively participate in international endeavors aimed at achieving a peaceful resolution to the situation in the country. The Uzbek side will continue to extend support for the revival of Afghanistan's economy, the advancement of its transport, production, energy, and social infrastructures. A stable and prosperous Afghanistan serves as an assurance of regional security in Central Asia [3:4].

In the past five years, high-level visits between Uzbekistan and all the countries of the region have been conducted based on the initiative of the President of Uzbekistan. The political dialogue between the leaders of the regional countries, grounded in mutual trust, has gained continuity. As a result of such engagements, significant joint decisions of mutual, regional, and international significance have been reached concerning security, border matters, economy, investment, tourism, culture, health, and ecology, all of which are of interest to the Central Asian countries.

These efforts have led to a radical improvement in Uzbekistan's relations with all the countries in the region, specifically the reestablishment of mutual ties and the opening of borders. This has further reinforced neighborly bonds and stimulated the revitalization of public diplomacy, humanitarian aid, and cultural cooperation.

Trade and economic relations with the countries of Central Asia are progressing steadily. Examining the dynamics of Uzbekistan's foreign trade turnover with the Central Asian countries, we observe that it amounted to \$2.5 billion in 2016, \$2.7 billion in 2017, \$4.0 billion in 2018, \$5.2 billion in 2019, and despite the circumstances imposed by the pandemic, it reached \$5.0 billion in 2020. If we carefully analyze the dynamic table, we note that the volume of foreign trade has doubled from 2016 to 2020. This is a testament to the active foreign policy pursued by the government [4:2].

At the core of this lies the strengthening of amicable relations among the countries of Central Asia, which is directly linked to the peace and prosperity of the region. The fact that the Central Asian countries also serve as mutual partners in several significant issues secures the future of these nations. It is not an exaggeration to assert that the harmonization of their legal systems is an accomplishment. In conclusion, firstly, the good neighborly relations of the New Uzbekistan with the countries of Central Asia serve as a pivotal factor not only for our nation but also for the development of neighboring countries. Secondly, the regional-level initiatives of the President of Uzbekistan are reinforcing our country's position in the region and simultaneously at the global level.

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