

UNITED NATIONS AND UZBEKISTAN COOPERATION AT A NEW LEVEL

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Annotation: *The scientific article provides information on the development of relations between the United Nations, which is one of the most prestigious international organizations, and Uzbekistan in recent years, as well as various projects implemented together.*

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The UN is a unique, historically important organization focused on strengthening international peace and security, developing cooperation between states, and operating in all directions of international life and cooperation of states. Uzbekistan became an equal member of this international organization on March 2, 1992, after gaining independence. Since then, we have always relied on the support of the UN to solve our problems.

Currently, more than ten programs, funds and agencies of the UN, as well as a number of specialized institutions are operating in Uzbekistan. In turn, the Permanent Representation in New York City and the UN Division in Geneva and the Permanent Representation in other international organizations are operating. In recent years, Uzbekistan has been strengthening cooperation with the UN branch in Geneva. Uzbekistan also intensified its participation in the activities of the UN General Assembly and other specialized institutions. The visits of the UN Secretary General, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the special rapporteurs of the UN Special Rapporteur on Religious Beliefs, Independence of Judges and Lawyers to our country were of great importance.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres visited our country in June 2017 and met with the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev. The meeting of the head of our state with the UN Secretary General, as well as the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly held in New York, USA in September 2017, and the second international "One Place, One Way" held in Beijing in April 2019 within the framework of the forum, meetings of the President with the Secretary General of the UN were held. As a result of these dialogues, three plans of practical measures for the development of Uzbekistan-UN cooperation were adopted and are being implemented.

The adoption by the UN General Assembly on June 22, 2018 of the historic resolution "Strengthening regional and international cooperation to ensure peace, stability and consistent development in the Central Asian region" is a high-level development of regional cooperation of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Central Asia. It is a sign that his initiatives are widely supported at the international level.

According to the initiative put forward by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev during the general discussion of the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly, in 2018, the Trust Fund started its activities under the auspices of the UN on the basis of multilateral partnership on human security. During the presentation of the fund, as the UN Secretary General noted, "This structure will significantly improve the living conditions of the local population and help to implement the Sustainable Development Goals. Programs supported by the trust fund help create new jobs in the region. In particular, 45 percent of these jobs are occupied by women. "Employment has expanded their opportunities, improved their access to medical services, and increased their well-being."

On the initiative of our country, on October 24-25, 2019, under the auspices of the UN, a high-level international conference "Oralboi - a region of ecological innovations and technologies" was held in Nukus. About 250 participants from 28 countries, leaders and representatives of prestigious international organizations took part in it. The participants welcomed the proposal to adopt a special resolution of the UN General Assembly to declare the Aral Bay region of the Republic of Uzbekistan as a zone of ecological innovations and technologies. The practical work of our country on mitigating negative consequences in the Aral Sea region was highly appreciated. Currently, practical measures are being taken to develop and adopt a special resolution of the UN General Assembly.

The current process of globalization in the world has a positive effect on the development of humanity, but it also presents various threats and dangers. Under such conditions, effective cooperation with the most prestigious international organization of our time - the UN, in order to ensure peace and sustainable development, fully corresponds to the basic national interests of our people. In particular, the speech of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev at the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly started a new stage of Uzbekistan-UN relations. In the speech of the president at the session, he explained the foreign policy position of our republic with the opinion that "We firmly believe that the UN will continue to play a decisive role in international relations". This strong political and diplomatic position was once again expressed in the initiatives of global and regional importance put forward by the head of our country on September 23, 2020 at the 75th session of the UN General Assembly.

It is worth noting that on October 13, 2020, at the session of the UN General Assembly, for the first time in the history of our national statehood, Uzbekistan was elected a member of the UN Human Rights Council for a period of three years - 2021-2023, and the first election of the Council as a member participation in the meeting for the first time is a universal and historical reality. The initiatives put forward in the speech of our President Shavkat Mirziyoyev at the 46th session of the Human Rights Council are required to be implemented directly with the bilateral issues within Uzbekistan and the UN, and with a wide range of international partners at the regional

and global levels. The new tasks specified in this speech are consistent with the tasks of the President's speech at the 75th session of the UN General Assembly and the tasks in the Address to the Oliy Majlis.

The participation of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly opened a new era in the effective and mutually beneficial cooperation of our country with the international organization. During this event, a number of important international initiatives were put forward and successfully implemented. Thanks to the new environment of cooperation, Uzbekistan became an active participant in the processes of the UN in all fields. This is reflected in the positive attitude of the member states towards our country.

Today, cooperation between Uzbekistan and the UN in the field of ecology and environmental protection is becoming more active. In this area, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev drew attention to another acute and urgent global problem - the tragedy of the Aral Sea and urged the world community to "reduce the destructive impact of this ecological disaster on the lifestyle of millions of people living in Central Asia and to protect the natural, biological nature called to save.

The participation of our President in the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly held in New York City in September 2017 and a number of important initiatives put forward by this organization from the high platform of this organization started a new stage of cooperation between our country and the UN and gained historical significance. In it, the head of our state expressed his thoughts aimed at increasing the role of the UN in international relations. He proposed the development and adoption of the UN International Convention on the Rights of Youth, the adoption of special resolutions of the General Assembly entitled "Enlightenment and religious tolerance" and "Strengthening regional and international cooperation to ensure peace, stability and consistent development in the Central Asian region."

I would like to note with pleasure that today two initiatives of the President on the adoption of UN special resolutions were unanimously accepted by the member states of the organization. This is a sign that Uzbekistan is becoming a creator of important international initiatives within the UN. Another important effort put forward by the head of our state in recent years has given its practical results. In particular, a Trust Fund was established for the UN Archipelago region on the basis of the Multilateral Partnership for Human Security, and another special resolution entitled "Sustainable tourism and sustainable development in Central Asia" was adopted by the UN General Assembly.

Today, the priorities of the multilateral cooperation of the Republic of Uzbekistan with the UN are security, combating other modern threats, non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, resolving the issue of Afghanistan peacefully, restoring this country, eliminating environmental problems, making Central Asia a nuclear-weapon-free zone. as recognition, mitigating the consequences of the Aral tragedy, development of

education, science and culture, preservation and restoration of historical figures and traditions, architectural monuments. In this regard, the permanent representation of our country at the UN is working consistently and actively. In particular, in September 2019, the representative of Uzbekistan was elected as the deputy chairman of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly. This was another important event in the history of bilateral cooperation.

The General Assembly is the main consultative body of the UN, in which all member states of the organization participate. It deals with important issues such as ensuring peace and security, disarmament, development, poverty eradication, human rights and environmental protection. Considers and makes decisions on a wide range of international issues. Currently, our permanent representative office focuses on the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of Youth proposed by the President. In this regard, regular negotiations are being held with the UN member states and the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Youth Affairs J. Vikramanayake. During the talks, specific approaches to the importance of adopting this convention, its main goals and tasks, and relevance are expressed.

In a word, we are mobilizing all our strength and energy to adopt this important international document, and we are striving to strengthen the cooperation between Uzbekistan and the UN on the reliable protection of the rights and freedoms of the representatives of the younger generation. Since becoming a member of the United Nations, our country has been able to establish an active political dialogue with this prestigious international organization. During the past period, the participants of the roundtable discussion recognized that Uzbekistan has been actively cooperating with the UN in strengthening peace and stability in the region.

It was noted that the mutual cooperation of the Republic of Uzbekistan with the UN is not limited to the framework of this organization, but effective cooperation with a number of specialized organizations belonging to the UN family is also deepening. In addition, Uzbekistan has been closely cooperating with the statutory, auxiliary and conventional organizations of the UN in the field of human rights protection. In this direction, our country joined six main agreements along with more than 70 documents. Uzbekistan consistently fulfills its international obligations within the framework of these documents, paying great attention to the implementation of the most important norms in them into our national legislation.

Uzbekistan has always put forward the issues of strengthening peace and stability in Central Asia, stabilizing the ecological situation, correcting the situation in neighboring Afghanistan, turning the region into a nuclear-free zone, and unifying the efforts of all countries in the fight against drug trafficking. This was the basis for the adoption of a number of important documents related to the activities of the UN in ensuring peace and security in the world. The work carried out by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev on the consistent development of Central Asia on the basis of mutual

cooperation and good neighborly relations, the political dialogue in the region is becoming more active and allows solving many issues.

Another important issue raised in the speech is the rational use of water resources in the region, the idea of unifying international efforts to eliminate the consequences of the Aral tragedy. In order to create a more complete picture of this, the head of our state held up a map of the Aral tragedy. Such a situation has not yet been observed in the sessions of the prestigious organization. This also created a clear idea of the arguments in the lecture in the participants of the conference, as well as in the millions of people who watched it.

The views of the President on ensuring peace and security in the world and increasing the role of the UN in international relations are also of urgent importance. Initiatives to develop the UN International Convention on the Rights of Youth and the adoption of a special resolution of the General Assembly entitled "Enlightenment and Religious Tolerance" are particularly historic events. These proposals became the topic of the day for foreign mass media during the summit, and were intensively discussed at meetings of state leaders and at various events.

The Secretary General of the UN visited the Aral Sea area, the "Ship Graveyard" in the Moynaq district, and saw the projects being implemented by the UN in the region. "Roadmap" for the further development of UN cooperation with the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2017-2020, adopted at the end of the UN Secretary General's visit to our country, and providing practical assistance to the population affected by the Aral tragedy by the UN The special program adopted under Ahmed Shahid, the UN special rapporteur on the issue of freedom of religion and belief, visited our country and got acquainted with the work being done on the issues of religion and human rights. This visit also shows that under the leadership of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, open dialogues with national and international non-governmental organizations are becoming more active in Uzbekistan to please the people, to ensure their rights and interests, and to heal those who have lost their way from the right path for various reasons. It has shown that the world is doing good things in terms of bringing life back to life. All this is evidence that the common goals of Uzbekistan and the UN are fully reflected in the life of our society, and that joint projects serve the common development. Uzbekistan's cooperation with the UN is steadily developing in all areas. The authoritative bodies of this organization in our country are the Development Program, the Organization for Education, Science and Culture, the Fund for Population Studies, the Children's Fund, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the Drug The functioning of the offices of the Department for Combating Substances and Crime, the United Program on HIV/AIDS and other structures is of great importance in increasing the effectiveness of cooperation.

The changes being implemented in modernized Uzbekistan, the open, pragmatic domestic and foreign policy being carried out are highly appreciated by international

experts, and our country is stepping into a new stage of strict, deep reforms and changes, demonstrating its strong political will. In this way, efforts related to the implementation of the Action Strategy are recognized as having a unique character. In particular, Uzbekistan's friendly relations with foreign countries based on mutual interests, and in turn, effective cooperation with international organizations and structures, are becoming increasingly important in the strengthening of the place and prestige of our country in the world community. At this point, it should be noted that Uzbekistan's cooperation with such a prestigious organization as the UN has acquired a new meaning in recent years and is being strengthened in an active and comprehensive framework.

The basis for this, of course, is the Strategy of Actions, which was developed at the initiative of the President of Uzbekistan and was discussed by the people. Because, according to the conclusions of international experts, this document fully corresponds to the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations and is an impetus for the implementation of the main reforms promoted in the international arena within our country. Based on the main goals defined in the Action Strategy, the annual State programs are adopted and implemented consistently. In this, of course, relying on the principles of democracy, in particular, taking into account the fact that people's power is ensured, each state program is subject to public discussion before its adoption.

It can be seen that 5 of Shavkat Mirziyoyev's 6 ideas have been implemented so far: 1. In 2018, the resolution of the UN General Assembly entitled "Strengthening regional and international cooperation to ensure peace, stability and consistent development in the Central Asian region"; 2. Resolution of the UN General Assembly on "Enlightenment and religious tolerance" in 2018; "Sustainable Tourism and Sustainable Development in Central Asia" resolutions were adopted. 4. Consultative meetings of the leaders of the Central Asian countries were organized; 5. A multi-partnership trust fund for human security was established for the Aral Bay region. To sum up, relations between the United Nations and Uzbekistan are developing year by year. Various projects are being implemented for the further development and growth of our country.

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