## INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE ARE THE HIGHEST VALUE OF THE UZBEK PEOPLE

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#### **ANNOTATION**

The article describes the reforms in Uzbekistan in the field of interethnic harmony and religious tolerance, the implementation of the rights and duties of various nationalities and ethnic groups living in Uzbekistan within the law, the initiative of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev for 2017-2021. In the framework of the "Strategy of Action", we are talking about the ongoing reforms to ensure interethnic harmony and religious tolerance.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Today, peace, tranquility, clear skies, dignity and significance of our enlightened days have increased in our country more than ever. In our country, special attention is paid to the further strengthening and development of the principles of religious tolerance, which is a factor of peace and tranquility. The fact that people of different religions in our country live together on the same land in the name of great ideas and pure intentions is a shining example of tolerance. It is known that the territory of Central Asia, especially Uzbekistan, since ancient times has had different cultures, languages, customs, lifestyles, beliefs in different religions, a few different from each other. is a land inhabited by nations.

Today, 138 nationalities and ethnic groups and 16 religious denominations live in our country. The fact that public educational institutions teach in 7 national languages and publish in 20 languages, religious tolerance, regardless of the existing ideological differences between the religions of different religions, makes them side by side, mutually peaceful. means to live in peace.

The interests, rights and duties of every citizen living in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan are defined in the program of our law. For example, Article 18 of the Constitution enshrines the principle that "all citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan have the same rights and freedoms, are equal before the law, regardless of social origin, beliefs, personal and social status." serves as the basis. Today, Uzbekistan is an example of religious tolerance and interreligious reconciliation not only in the CIS, but in the whole world.

I would like to quote the words of our First President IA Karimov about interethnic harmony and religious tolerance in Uzbekistan:

"Socio-political stability, peace and interethnic harmony among citizens in our multi-ethnic society have been the main achievements of independent Uzbekistan in the first, initial stages

of its formation and development." In these difficult times, maintaining peace and stability is crucial. Today, it is both a duty and an obligation for our youth to take a deep look at the conflicts taking place in different parts of the world, to be always vigilant and vigilant, to preserve peace and stability in our country.

In this sense, the large-scale reforms carried out in Uzbekistan in recent years in the field of interethnic relations and religion have contributed to the formation of a system in the country that combines a new approach and strategic goals. The success of this system creates the basis for maintaining peace, ensuring the security of citizens and sustainable development in our country. The main goal of the modern state is to ensure stability and harmony in society, effective protection of human rights and freedoms. To this end, on the initiative of President Sh. Mirziyoyev, the Action Strategy for 2017-2021, which is one of the five priority areas for the development of the Republic of Uzbekistan, was developed. As the fifth direction in the strategy; Priorities have been set for security, inter-ethnic harmony and religious tolerance, as well as well-thought-out and mutually beneficial foreign policy. This is a proof of the attention paid in our country to the security of our citizens, national and religious tolerance. In general, the international community appreciates our efforts to ensure religious tolerance and interethnic harmony in our country and is interested in the experience of Uzbekistan. In particular, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev at the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly on September 12, 2017 to establish tolerance and mutual respect, ensure religious freedom, protect the rights of believers, A clear example of this is the proposal to adopt a special resolution entitled "Enlightenment and Religious Tolerance" aimed at helping to prevent their discrimination, and the adoption of this document on December 12, 2018.

As we all know, our country, Uzbekistan, is a multi-ethnic country, along with many other countries in the world. Along with Uzbeks, more than a hundred nationalities and ethnic groups live in harmony in our country. He considers this blessed land to be the homeland of his umbilical cord blood. It cares about the future of the country, thinks, contributes to its development. That is why the idea of "This dear Motherland is ours" expressed by our First President reflects the dreams and aspirations of all our compatriots, regardless of language, religion or nationality. Because the happiness of all of us depends on the peace, tranquility, freedom and prosperity of this country. Interethnic harmony and solidarity are universal values. Because it strengthens the spiritual basis of the unity of different nations and peoples living in one society and working for a common goal, and serves as an important factor in peace and development. Every nation in the world is a great miracle of the Creator. Because every nation beautifully displays all the virtues of humanity through its language, culture, traditions and values, the uniqueness of its way of life. The multiplicity and diversity of nations and peoples not only helps people to understand themselves, but also allows them to understand the role and importance of national and universal values in human life. We all know that all people's dreams and ancient roots are common. Although the languages, lifestyles, and customs of the various nations of the world differ from one another, their aspirations, material, and spiritual needs are almost the same. Representatives of all nations want to live freely and freely, to make a good name for themselves, to get married, to raise children, to be happy, and, of course, appreciate goodness and condemn evil. Because our national idea accurately reflects the aspirations of our people, it is far from any form of nationalism, disregard for other peoples

and nations. Because our people have always glorified the ideas of friendship and brotherhood. Therefore, our country lives in peace, cooperation and solidarity with the representatives of other nationalities living side by side with us. Our people have long sought to cooperate with the peoples around them, as well as in remote areas of the world. And that continues to this day. Evaluating a person based on his or her human characteristics, not on his or her nationality, is important today. Whoever sows the seeds of goodness and serves goodness, regardless of the nationality, our people, our homeland will embrace, will be friends and brothers with that person. The Hero of Uzbekistan, our master poet Erkin Vahidov, considering that human qualities come first for our people, said: It is not in vain that they say, "The religion of humanity is pure faith, my Uzbek."

Our country has a strong place and purpose not only in interethnic harmony, but also in religious tolerance. It is a well-known fact that religion and religious traditions play an important role in human life, along with other values. The fact that many national values are alive and well is due to these features of religion. The first President Islam Karimov described the meaning of religion as follows:, is a holistic system of ideas and views that reinforces them in the form of stable rules." All religions in the world are based on the ideas of goodness. They call people to honesty, compassion and generosity, not to hurt anyone, to refrain from evil deeds, not to go astray. The idea of religious tolerance, understanding these general principles inherent in all religions, requires the establishment of cooperation between them, respect for all religions, the religious rites and practices they perform, and thus the state's ability to exercise their power and capabilities. society, encourages the service of the noble purposes of all mankind. The example of inter-religious tolerance is the fact that people of different religions and sects live in mutual respect and understanding of each other's beliefs, in a single land, in a single homeland, in partnership and solidarity in the pursuit of noble ideas and intentions. Today, in order to achieve inter-religious tolerance, cultural dialogue and practical cooperation are being established between them. In particular, the dangers of the next century - the threat of nuclear war, environmental movements, terrorism and religious extremism - are encouraging religions to unite and cooperate in the pursuit of goodness, the preservation of our planet, which is unique to all people. It is safe to say that the essence of all religions, such as kindness, friendship and brotherhood, compassion, serves as a common ground for dialogue and cooperation between different religions. Mankind today is increasingly realizing this truth.

The idea of religious tolerance means that people of different faiths live in one land, in one Motherland, as partners and solidarity in the pursuit of noble ideas and intentions. Religion also reflects the worldview of people who first appeared in the primitive period of human life and lived at that time. Religion is a form of worldview that responds to the creation, origin, meaning of life, and the purpose of human existence from a divine point of view. Even in the Middle Ages, religion embodied all forms of culture and influenced them. It is a virtue of religion that it has embodied its spiritual values since ancient times and that national values have lived in harmony for centuries.

Although religious beliefs are common, religions are diverse. The world is very simple, with ancient religions as well as complex world religions of universal significance. All existing religions are based on the ideas of goodness and promote goodness, peace and purity, brotherhood and tolerance.

In the territory of our country there were such religions as Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, Monism, Christianity, Mazdakism, Shamanism, as well as Islam, and as a result of the synthesis of all of them a unique culture was created. According to Zoroastrianism, there is no middle ground in the constant struggle between good and evil. Therefore, everyone is obliged to participate in a certain aspect of this struggle. There are three principles of Zoroastrianism: purity of thought, stability of words, humanity of actions. In Zoroastrianism, these ihats are expressed as good thoughts, good words and good deeds. According to Confucianism, people can attain high perfection not through social origin or status, but through high qualities such as humanity, justice, truthfulness, and sincerity. According to Hindu philosophy, what a person does in his life is not without consequences, for which he is punished. From time immemorial, many religions have coexisted in our country. This is evidenced by the fact that for centuries there have been mosques and churches in major cities, and people of different nationalities and religions have been freely performing their religious activities. The fact that even in the most difficult and difficult periods of our history there were no religious conflicts between them testifies to the great experience of our people in interreligious tolerance.

In a polyethnic country like Uzbekistan, the harmonization of the interests of different nationalities and ensuring harmony among them is one of the key factors of development. Because the future of the nation depends on the development of other nations and countries, the situation and opportunities around the world. This fact is reflected in the proverb of our people "Peace be with you". Without peace, tranquility, stability, cooperation, solidarity and equal treatment among the ethnic groups living side by side in the world, first of all, in the neighboring countries, none of them can ensure its bright future. Article 8 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan clearly states that "the people of Uzbekistan, regardless of nationality, are citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan." In short, all the nations and peoples living in our country have ample opportunities to write in their native language, which is practiced in universities and schools, newspapers and magazines are published in many languages, television and radio broadcasts. and other work is a clear evidence of effective work in this area.

A free civil society and a secular state are being built in Uzbekistan. The principles and legal basis of the society under construction have been developed and our people support it. The state ensures in practice the freedom of religion, which is based on the rule of law, respect for and protection of the rights of religious organizations, which creates equal opportunities for all religions and faiths on a legal basis. At the same time, religious organizations also have the right choice of fulfilling their duties and responsibilities before the law. Today, there are more than a dozen religious organizations in our country. All conditions have been created for them to carry out their activities and take an active part in the life of the country. The legal framework in this regard is reflected in the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the Law "On Freedom of Conscience and Religious Organizations." These foundations are a partner of all religions in our country, a solid foundation for the realization of the main idea of the ideology of national independence - the dream of our people to build a free and prosperous homeland, free and prosperous life.

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